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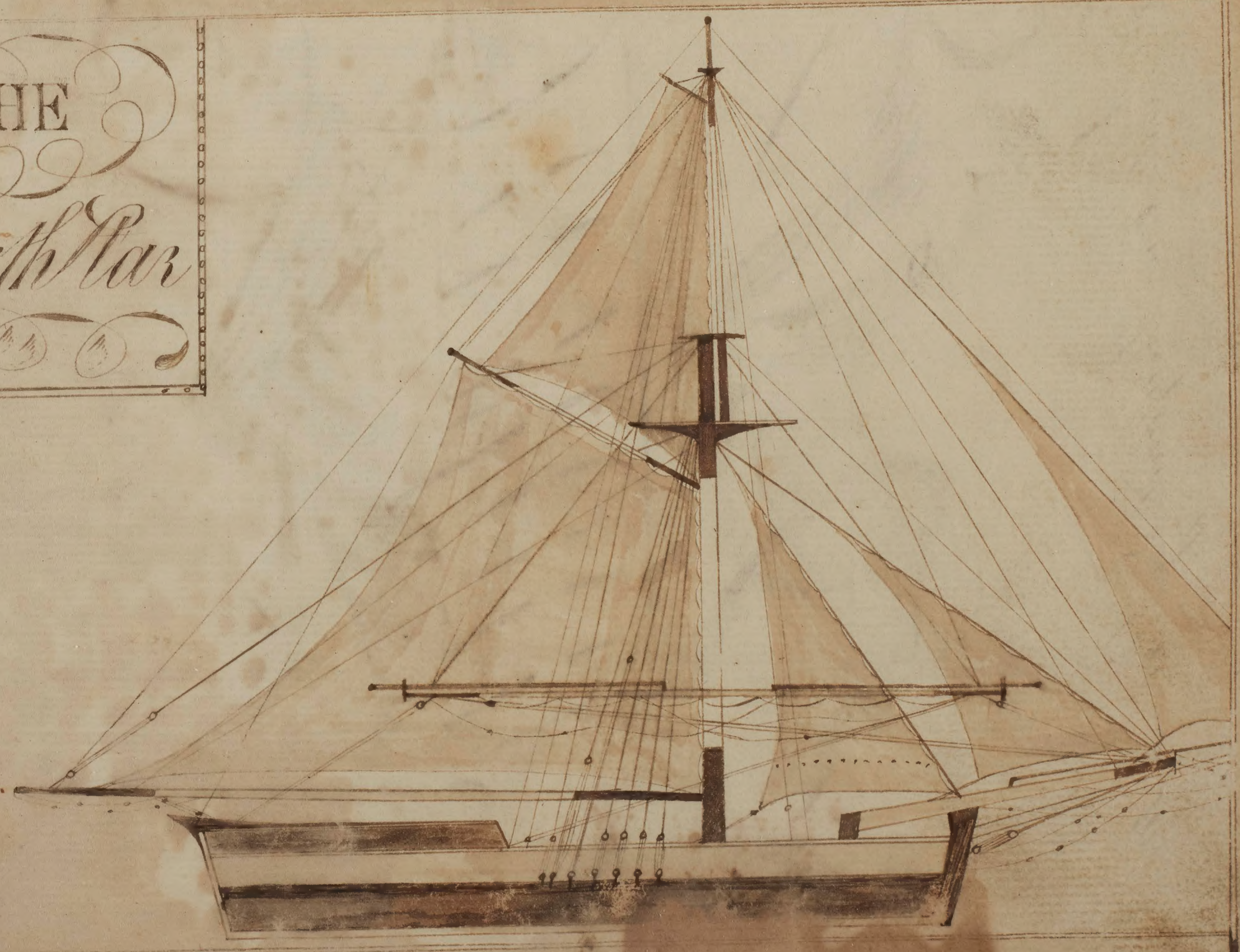
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Journal began the 29 of  
May 1810  
On board a Danish privateer called the  
North Star.

THE  
North Star







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Wrote on parchment Norway July 10<sup>th</sup> in the year of our Lord one thousand eight 00. and 10



1810

Remarks on Board the North Star

At Sea Tuesday May 29<sup>th</sup>

This Day Pleasant Weather and Fair Winds. The Land off of Scotland in View, at 9 P. M. Made a Sail to Windward Standing to the South, but soon Boar away for us, we did not alter our Course nor pay any regard to them till She fired a Gun, and Set English Colours, Set ours in answer, took in Standing Sail and hove too, till She came up, the Capt ordered us to heave out our Boat and Come on Board, which done, She came soon Back and Brough 6 Men armed with Swords and Pistols, and Sent some of our Crew on Board the Privateer, took Down her Colours and Set those of Denmark in their Stead, told the Capt she was a Prize but from what authority I no not, then Manned the Brig with 15 Men ordered <sup>for</sup> Drontherm. Took out

- Mr. Hillar  
 Lett Barlow,  
 Allen Dexter  
 Silas Briggs  
 Thomas Hendrick and  
 Wil<sup>m</sup> Jackson.

and Crowded us on Board the Privateer with hardly room to turn round, left Capt Briggs his Brother and Cook on board the Brigg, when She Made Sail and left us.

At Sea Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>

First Part of this Day Boarded 2 or 3 American Ships, as we were shut up in the hole, could not learn Particulars, lay all Day becalmed Smooth Sea and Good Weather, fair Breeze in the

At Sea May 31<sup>st</sup>

This Day like Winds and fair Weather, Saw many Vessels but spoke none, the Capt of the Privateer offered us 50 Dollars per Month to lift on Board, we told him we should not agree to it, he replied then he must be under the necessity of using us as Prisoners of War, and should put us in Irons, we told him we were in his power, and that he must do as he thought proper, but still we should not, Determined not to have it said that we are Base enough to fight against our own Country men or any others with whom we are in peace heard no more in regard to Irons this Day



# 1810 Remarques on board The Privateer N.

<p>At Sea June 1<sup>st</sup></p>	<p>This Day attended with fresh breezes and Smoky Weather this morning altering their Course to the W. S. W. made a Sail ahead at 10 A.M. Came up with her. She sent her Boat on Board the examined her and let her proceed on her Voyage. She was an Acorn Brig from Salem bound for Toninggen, a short time after Spent another American Brig from Boston, ordered her Boat on the Privateer, but finding no fault let her go off, on her intended Voyage for Toninggen, - then Made Sail for Dronthurn at 4 P.M. Made the Shetland Islands, So ends the Day.</p>
<p>June 2<sup>nd</sup></p>	<p>This Day Clear and Pleasant Weather in Site of the Shetland Islands, Steering our Course N E by E for Dronthurn</p>
<p>June 3<sup>rd</sup></p>	<p>This Day lite Winds and Variable, Made and took in Sail as Occation required, Steering N. E. by E, Saw no Sail</p>
<p>June 4<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>This Day attended with fresh Breezes from the Northward Clear and Good Weather, Steering our Course for Dronthurn</p>
<p>June 5<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>This Day attended with fresh winds from the W. S. W. Thick Weather, at Noon fell in with a Galley from Dronthurn for St. Martins. Examined her Papers, let her proceed and Made Sail for our port, Steering East</p>
<p>At Sea Monday June 6<sup>th</sup></p>	<p>This Day Strong Gale and Stormy Weather, Wind at from W. S. W. to W. S. W. - Saw not a Single Sail, at 10 A.M. made Breakers on the lee Bow, - Distance <math>\frac{1}{4}</math> of a Mile, Heave about and Hood to the North, under Short an easy Sail, Blow ing fresh, thick and foggy Weather. - On the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> of June at 8 o'clock in the evening the Capt of the Privateer told me to go forward and to tell our People to turn out and Stand a watch, I told him I should not, for they will Laugh at me for the attempt, for I have no authority on board this Vessel, - his first Officer went and ordered them to Stand a watch, Mr. Hillar and Myself ordered them not to do it, and left them to make their own Choice - which they did for the Better, - went below and heard no more about it.</p>



1810

Remarks on board a Danish Privateer N. Star,

At Sea Thursday June 7<sup>th</sup>

This Day attends with strong Gales and thick Weather, at 12 at 8<sup>th</sup> Were round, and Made Sail for Gronthorn, and run Round and through the Breakers, rocks, and ledges like to a fiff, at 10 A. M. Came to Anchor Where a Good Harbour on the Norway Coast, Surrounded by Rocks of Mountains on the Summits of Which is a Plenty of Snow two Houses were planted on the Cliffs of the Barrens rocks which looked like hard Times, the Privateersmen went on Shore for Water, So ends this Day in Snow hale and same Wind at the S. W. ahead for us *ED*

At Sea Friday June 8<sup>th</sup>

First of this Day Stormy Wind at S. W. Still at anchor at Gronthorn, Hale same and Snow, At 8 A. M. got under Way, Wind at S. W. Run the Shore ag. which Consisted of Huge Barren Rocks covered with Rut and Snow, at noon Land Locked Mountains, Rocks, Islands, Ledges, B. and every thing else of a Disagreeable Cast, all round us, 32 Miles from Gronthorn Steered various many Courses and Passed several Scattering Huts situated on these Dismal Looking Rocks So ends the Day, Squally with Snow *L*

Gronthorn Saturday 9<sup>th</sup>

This Day attends with Squally weather, Steered many Courses through Rocks and ledges according to Windings of the River A Dismal looking Country to me, at 10 Saw the Brig at anchor under the Castle, which is situated on an Island of Rocks in front of the town, at 11 O'clock came to anchor before the town, which is a Considerable Place situated between two Mountains, In Latitude  $63^{\circ} 30'$  N and Longitude  $11^{\circ} 30'$  East from London, Several Boats Came along Side and the Privateers Boat went on Shore, two or three New York Ships at Anchor in the harbour, And several other Ships

June 10<sup>th</sup>

This Day good and Pleasant Weather for this Country, the Privateers Boat Passed several times from her to the Brig But we were not permitted to go on Board, Neither would they let us Land, the Capt told us we M<sup>t</sup> go on Board our own Brig tomorrow. So ends the Day



1810

## Remarks on Board the Privateer North Star

Monday June 11

Dorchester

This Day good Weather and a Clear Sky most of the Snow off of the Mountains, this Day the Navy's Jolly Boat came along Side, altho she was Manned by Deans yet she looked quite Natural, again told we mite go on Board our own Vessel tomorrow, this ends the Jolly Days -

12<sup>th</sup>

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This Day Good Weather, Nothing New took Place

Dorchester Wednesday June 13

This Day a Clear Sky and Pleasant Weather, the Snow mostly Dissolved, at 10 o'clock we

Samuel Hillard

John Barlow

Allen Dexter

Elas Briggs

Thomas Hendericks and

William Jackson

Were Carried on Shore, Guarded as we Passed the Streets as much as though we had <sup>been</sup> Prisoners of War, we were all put into a small room, but where I know not, after being there some time, the Capt of the Cutter Called Mr Hillard out after an absence of  $\frac{3}{4}$  of an Hour, he came and Called me I went into the other room, where there were several Gentlemen who they were I know not, Neither did they Inform me I know not Whether they were Private Soldiers or Magistrates One of them put the following Questions to me and another recorded them in a Book, he told me to tell the truth or the Consequence would be my own, which I did to the Best of my Knowledge. They were as follows -

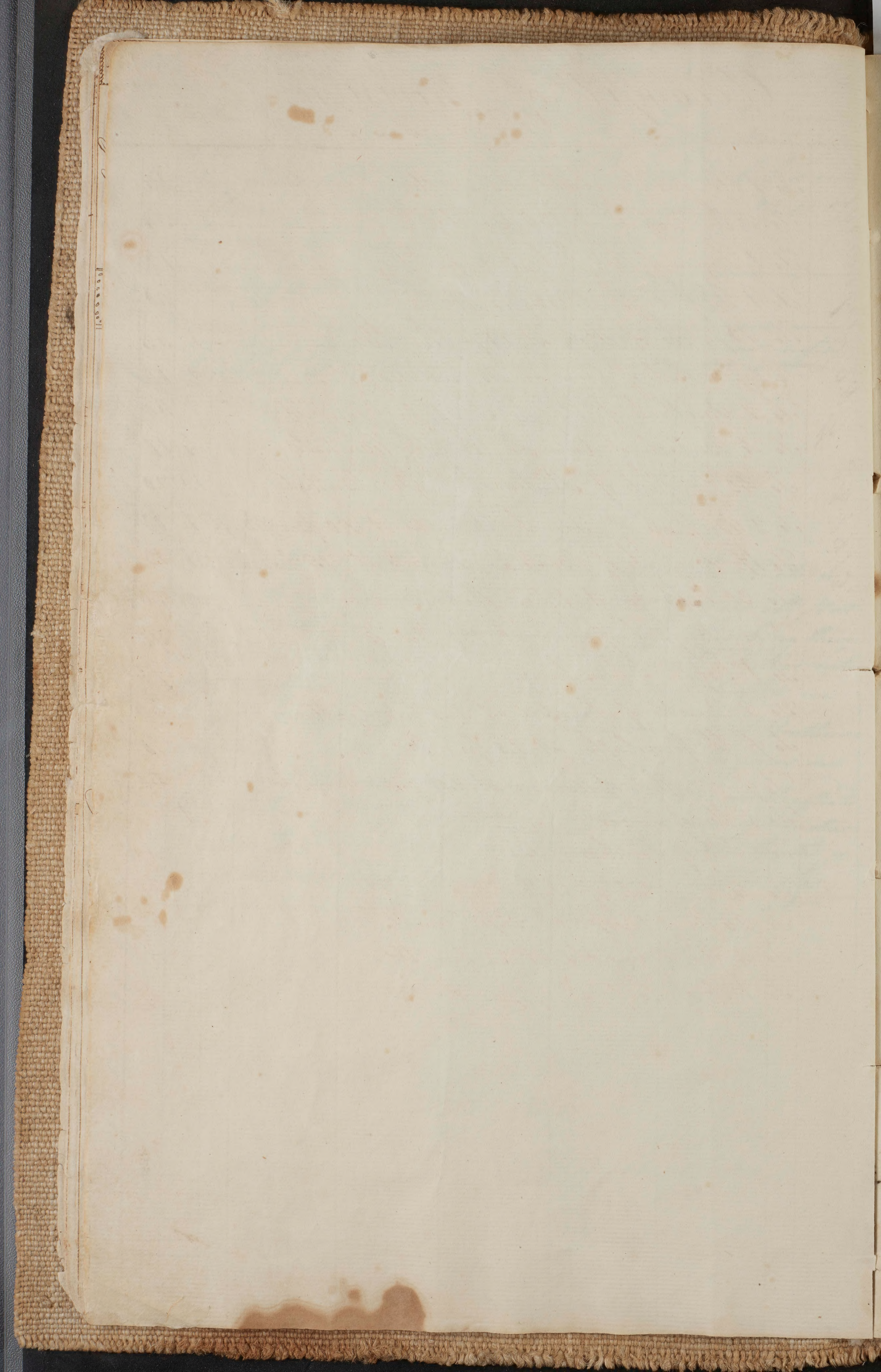


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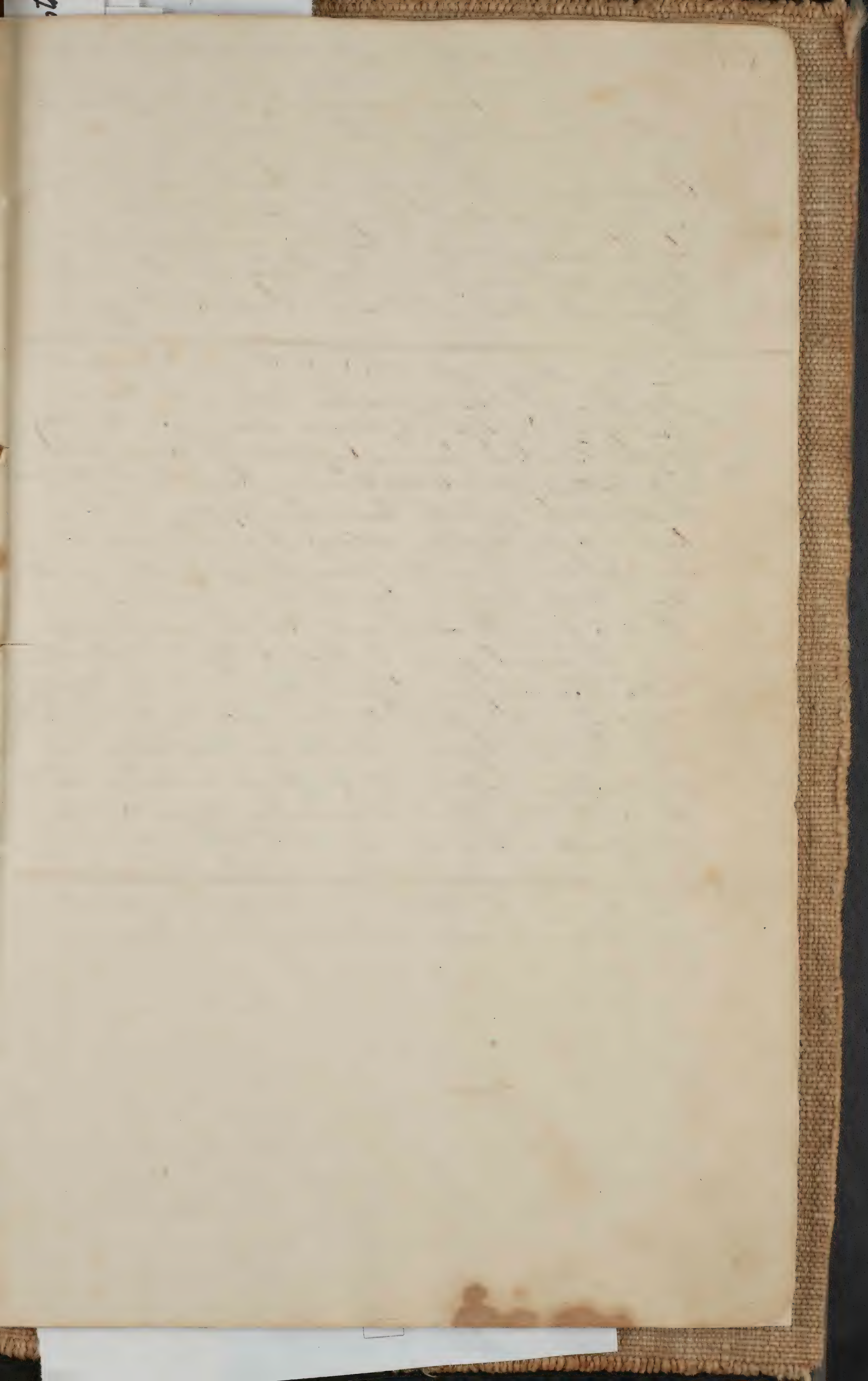
November 24<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1813.

To 1 lb of Chocolate 25 per lb.	25		
To 1/4 lb. Bohea at 134 per lb.	34		
To 1 Dozen of Bussket at 12 per Doz.	12		
To 1 lb of Coffee at 30 per lb.	30		
To 12 1/4 lbs of Pork at 12 1/2 per lb.	1	53	
To 2 Bushels of Corn at 100 per Bushel.	2	00	
To 1 Bushel of Apples at 50 per Bushel.		50	
To 4 Bushels of Corn at 100 per Bushel.	4	00	
To 40 Bushels of Potatoes at 2 per Bushel.	15	20	
To 2 Bushels of French Turneps at 50 per Bush.	1	00	
To 1 1/2 Bushels of Beets and Carrots at 75 per lb.	1	12	5
To 30 Cabbages at 1 per Head.		30	
To 1/2 Bushel of Rye at 150 per Bushel.		75	
To 1 Dozen of Mushrooms.		72	
To 2 Quarts of Molasses at 130 per Gallon.		65	
To 1/2 lb. Parslaph at 20 per lb.		10	
To 1/4 Bushels of Beans at 200 per Bushel.		50	
To 5 lbs of Sugar.	1		
To 1/4 lb of Touchong Tea.		42	
To 1/4 Quintal of Fish.	1	25	
To 25 lbs of Cheese at 12 1/2 per lb.	3	12	5
To 2 lbs of Candles at 20 per lb.		40	
To 1 lb of Soap at 17 per lb.		17	











1810.

Remarks on board the Danish Privateer called the N. Star

June  
14<sup>th</sup>

This Day is gone, I can hardly account for it it appears to me like a Dream. Squally with rain and snow

June 15<sup>th</sup>  
Dartmouth

Another Day is past and gone, the Provostmen employed in filling new Masts and Topmasts, the Capt told us again that we should go on board the Brig I suppose only to disappoint us. - Some Young Ladies along side the N. Star dressed with Bows and Turbans. So ends the Day

Dartmouth Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>

This Day Strong gales at N. N. W. and Cloudy, at Midnite a report came from the Telegraph that a Fleet of 37 English Ships were coming up the Bay it put the whole Town in Confusion. The Gun Boats and Batteries got in Order to receive them. The Castle was Double Manned from the Town. The Shipping in the Harbour began to get in readiness to unmoor, and to seek Shelter in some other place, perhaps further up the Bay. Boats flying in every Direction. - But it was soon found to be a false alarm, and that the report arose from the arrival of 4 or 5 Merchant Vessels. Most of them Dutch. They were from different Ports. Order was soon restored again throughout the Town, and Tranquillity took her station again. The Nancy Boat along side for provisions. - also several Gentlemen on board the North Star. The Crew overhauling Riggin &c. - again put off with a tomorrow. So ends the Day.

Dartmouth Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>

This Day Squally Weather, a great Number of Boats along side, Annacabeana and her Sister on Board



Dorchester  
Monday 18 1810  
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Dorchester harbour of Norway on board the N. Star 2

This Day Good Weather flying, In the afternoon I saw Capt  
Briggs his Brother and Cook, land from the Privateers  
Boat, Perhaps they were Carried on Shore for Examination  
All hands Employed on Board the Cutter at Different Works.

Dorchester Tuesday June 19

This Day Showery In the afternoon we  
Timothy Hillard,

Seth Barlow

Allen Dexter

Silas Briggs

Thos<sup>rs</sup> Hendrick

Wm Jackson

were Carried on Shore again, to give Oath to what we had  
before said, which I did with the utmost Saffy. Capt  
Briggs his Brother and Cook also came on Shore for the  
same purpose, which is the first time we have met since  
separated. Whether the Man who administered to us the  
oath was a Private Man or a Justice, I cannot say, nor  
did I enquire. After Answering a few more Questions, we  
were Conducted on Board the Cutter again, with a per  
to go on Board our own Vessel tomorrow, — Our Black  
Men were not Sworn, — by what I could Learn the  
Reasons were because they had never been Baptized. —  
Tends the Day, Still on Board the Privateers 2

Dorchester  
Wednesday June 20

This Day Pleasant Weather<sup>d</sup> In part, and part Stormy  
Strong Gales at S. E. W. This Morning the Capt told  
Mr Hillard we should no more go on Board the Brig  
the Briggs Long Boat along side taking things  
from the N. Star, on Shore, So ends the Day In Snow,

Dorchester Thursday  
June 21<sup>st</sup>

This Day Different kinds of Weather at 10 O'clock A.M.  
the Privateersmen and several others went on Board the  
Brig, got her Under way and Carried her into the  
Dock or River which runs through the town. —  
In the after noon spoke to the Crew of a New York  
Ship as they passed by in their Boat, which was  
the first opportunity we have had to speak to any  
since our arrival. — So ends the Day



1810.

## Drontheim Norway Remarks

Drontheim Norway June 22<sup>nd</sup>

This Day thick Weather attended with rain at Midnight there came on Board the Privateer several men from the Shore, appeared to me like Soldiers got the Cutter under way and took her into the Creek where the river runs very rapid. at 9 o'clock we all went on Board our own Vessel, to take our things on Shore and provide to live upon after we had got all our things on Deck two men were employed to search them, who they were I know not or from what authority they did it & they knew no authority nor told of none they had. In overhauling my Chest they found a Bundle of Letters which I received from home while in New York, the Most of them from Children, - they took them away. Several Men employed in Discharging the Brig took our goods to our Boarding House which is situated on the South Side of the river and well accommodated belonging as I have been told to the owner of the Cutter. So ends this Day.

Drontheim Norway Saturday June 23<sup>rd</sup>

First of this Day Cloudy and foggy latter part Clear and Warm, Many hands to Work on Board the Brig Discharged her Cargo, after Dinner I went on Board found them busy in taking Cotton out of a Broken sack and stowing it into Bags for what I know not, the Cotton all out they also sent Down the topgallant Yards Masts, the Brig is sealed up every Aite at 6 o'clock, after which there is no admittance, - This Evening Went out into the Country to see a Reed shaken by the Wind - Saw many people but Nobody knew where they they were they were Bound - This ends the Day

Drontheim Norway Sunday June 24<sup>th</sup>

This day Very fine and pleasant Weather but little or know Wind, I have been on the present Voyage about three Months and about three teen from home, when I shall see Rochester the Place of My Nativity again is Very Uncertain, - This is notwithstanding it is Sunday a holy Day Feeding and Dancing in many Parts of the town,



This afternoon in order to pass away time which hangs heavy about me I took a tour through various parts of the Town, and made the following Observations— The Streets, which with <sup>few</sup> exceptions, are wide and well paved with Stone and are also very clean and neat in all the most principal Squares where they crop are fountains of Excellent Water, which never fail. The Houses for the most part are but two stories high and almost all of them built of Wood, but a few of Stone or Brick and those but ill Constructed, so that they are in New York or other towns in America, the Houses are built of Timber like those we call log Houses when at Home, they are Calked with Moss or something that resembles it very much, over that are two thicknesses of Boards laid together and painted different Colours just as their Owners Fancy. The Inside instead of Paper is painted Canvas which looks very neat. These roofs which are not tiled are Covered with turf and earth on which grows a beautiful Greenward. The place is compact, the Buildings for the most part are united together. There are several Churches in the town of long standing, some of Stone, but mostly of Wood, built after the same manner of those they dwell in— none of them have Steeples and but a few Bells. I observed one that was founded or repaired in the Year 1735, which of them I cannot tell. What Religion is carried on in these places of Worship I have not yet learnt. There are several other public Buildings situated in different parts of the Town, such as Coffee Houses, Exchanges, &c and many Houses of entertainment tho' but poorly supplied. The ware Houses which stand over the wharves on Spiles when the tide flows under them at every high water are the best Buildings the town affords. Ships haul along Side of them and hoist their Cargos direct to the Spot they wish them, there are but a few Vessels in port at present and the most of them about to leave it. There are several Vessels building of different Sizes, the timber made use of is the same as that the Inhabitants of the Eastern parts of America make use of, viz Spruce, Pine and Hemlock, their Ships are well fastened with Iron, heavily spaced, and well rigged. There are more or boats arrive every Day loaded with Stockfish from different parts of Norway, and it is not uncommon to see two or three Women in these boats rowing at the Oars, — A Sight I never saw in America nor any other part of the World that I have before been in.



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## Remarks at Our Lodgings in Dronthem

Dronthem June Monday 25<sup>th</sup>

This Day very fine and agreeable Weather, Many hands to Work on board the

PRIG

Discharging her Cargo, they also untent the SAILS fore and aft, took the top gallant masts on Deck, Brought from the Brig in the Long Boat several articles to live on - as follows

Lice

Cheese

Meal

Bread and

Wood to Cook with

In the Evening took a Walk back of the Town, to behold the works of Nature, and Nature's God, - Passed a Woman asleep on the highway, with a Pack to her Back, and an Animal chained by her Side, with a strong Iron Chain. It resembled a Dog though not quite so large. - The Capt refused to put his Seal to Sails of the Brig which they have untent and Marke and Numbered, and also forbid their being taken on Shore, which caused them to be stowed on the Decks the above was wrote by Day late, at 12 O'clock at Night, if it were not for the Mountains, which extend for some Distance from East to West on the opposite Side of the Bay the Sun would be seen for 6 Weeks together at this season of the Year, at 9 P.M. a sudden gust of Wind came Down the river which did not last but a few Minutes when it fell calm again so ends this Day, some Snow yet to be seen on the top of the Mountains which wholly surround this Town  
An American Ship sailed this Morning, and another ready to sail both of them belonging to New York

Dronthem Thursday June 26<sup>th</sup>

This Day strong gales at N. E. alternate Clear and Cloudy The Privateersmen finished Discharging the Brig, the last Barrels that came out, they gave three Cheers, and went into the hold and tore away some of the Pump room in hopes to find that which is not on Board, nor never was - They Launched the topmasts rigged in the Gib Boom and Launched the Pressail Yards asthwart It is said that the Privateers have come out three Short of the Bills of Lading, - I left the Brig at 6 O'clock they were filling water and clearing out the Lower hold, Capt Briggs is about to extend a protest against the Dangers of the Seas, and the Illegal Capture of his Brig called the Nancy of Rochester, by a Danish Privateer while in his Lawful Business on the high Seas &c  
at 7 O'clock the Brig was again sealed up

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As this is a Fair or Market Day, the Streets  
Squares and the publick places, are Crowded, and thronged, with people  
from the Country, each with their commodity of traffic, on their shoulders  
or slung to their backs, which consists principally of Linnen and wooling  
their own Manufacturing, - which they sell at a cheap rate for Money or  
barter for other things, Many of the Men are curious animals to look at,  
of a very Dark Complexion, their hair long and standing in every direction  
about their ears, as though they had run their heads into a bramble and  
brought it away about their horns, - The Most of them were Black-  
heavy timbered, and strong built, - Much Superior for heft and strength  
to many made use of in America for Fishing - the Bottoms often consist  
of from 5 to 15 Poles, and well trunnel'd fore and Aft, Those few who were  
Shoes, are sure to have a Buckle attached to them, which extends from the  
ankle to the toes, of at least 6 Inches in Diameter, - Their Buckles are of  
Brass or a kind of Copper Composition, - The poorer sort wear Jackets and  
Breeches made of Tanned Cloth, in common to Natural Colour, as it grows on  
the animal that produces it, their Vests are of different kinds and very  
long, Gange frocks are in use and esteemed by all sexes, Many of them were  
Caps of many Colours, Some of them long and very pointed at the top  
on which is a topel as large as a full blown rose, - Some were Hats but of  
a very coarse Manufacture, - Little Boys are Dressed in Boots and overhauls  
or breeches which looks very pleasing to the beholder, - The Men are of  
different sizes from 5 to 7 feet in height, and all of them robust and stout  
built, and are somewhat addicted to strong Drinks, It is not uncommon to  
Several of them in the Streets together in a state of Intoxication, -  
The Country women very nearly resemble each other, and it is difficult to distinguish  
between the Old and the Young, they all wear Caps which are closely united to their  
heads with a black silk handkerchief, they wear loose Gowns in form and  
pleated like a Man's Jacket, and a Petticoat of the same which comes just  
below the knee, they are blue, or striped and all of Tanned Cloth, -  
their Shoes are thick Leather with high wooden heel, and a Company of  
them treading over the pavement, make a noise like distant Thunder or  
like a troop of Horses rushing to battle, A Stranger would suppose a Dutch  
Draught near at hand, - The Country Women are acquainted with hard  
labour, they are tillers of the Ground, and hewers of timber, their Constitution  
are well framed for Labourous Work, Stout, Robust, and tuff as the wild  
Beasts of the Wood, It is seldom they are Sick, and almost certain they never  
Die - The Women of the Town, excepting those who are Servants, Dress  
Much the same as in America, Many of them are handsome and very agreeable in  
their Manners, Hospitable and kind to Strangers, very fond of English and  
Americans, and will not deny them any reasonable favours, - Those of the  
Younger Class are very fond of Dancing though they do it in a very awkward  
and Labourous way, which is beyond my art to Describe, - on the Whole the  
Women of this Country are more pleasing to my fancy than many of our  
American Ladies are, they are exempt from Pride and Selfishness, which  
are the Greatest evils amongst our Women of North America, -

Thus ends this Day



# 1810 Remarks in Trondheim Norway

Trondheim  
Monday June 27<sup>th</sup>

This Day fresh Gales at N. W. and Cloudy, have not been on Board the Brig, but along Side several times observed the privateers men to Work in Rowing, and putting things to Rites, I understand they are searching for that which they will never find, it is a hard task to find a thing that does not, nor never did exist, In the forenoon went out to the South of the Town found many valuable Farms and Gardens, all of them sowed with Peas and Barley the articles of Produce and Chief Commodities of this Northern Climate, they were just sprung up, and visible to the eye, In the afternoon Curiosity led me to see the Summit of the Mountain which lies on the West Side of the Harbour after Climbing over rocks for one Hour and an Half, I gave up the Voyage, and began to think of Descending, it appeared to be as far to the top as it did before I began to ascend, the Ships in the Harbour looked no bigger than Boats, the Houses in town appeared small and the People in the Streets like Mice, we saw several Cavities in the Clefts of the Rocks, and many Springs of Clear Water flowed from them, very Cold and Pleasant to the Taste, — As we went up we attended the Climate very much from extreme warm to almost freezing and met with several Banks of Snow — The Mountain consists of broken Rocks covered with a kind of Soft Moss, and a few scattering Black Birch Trees, grow from the fissures which Nature has formed in these barren rocks, we also saw a heard of Goats attended by a Shepherd, and some Cattle, the most of them White and without Horns, — We found it almost as tiresome and difficult to Descend as it was to ascend, —

Fair or rather Market

is still open, the Streets more thronged with Country People than they were yesterday, the chief articles of Trade to Day are Horses and these much inferior to those of England, France, or America,



# Remarks in Norway

This Day Cloudy Weather, This Day went along Side the Brig. Found her Sealed up, but know one to work on Board, In the Afternoon, We, ----- Mr. Hillas.

Lethe Barlow.

Silas Briggs, and

Allen Dexter, went before a

Merchant of this Town who has through humanity, undertook to advise with Capt Briggs, relating to the Capture of this Brig, Called the Nancy, we gave him a true and particular relation, of our Intended Voyage, which was from New York to Copenhagen, Gave a Statement, of our Capture and the usage we

Timothy Hillas

Lethe Barlow

Silas Briggs

Allen Dexter

Thomas Hendrick and

William Jackson. Received while on board,

which if my memory serves was 24 Days. We also related the Law that were put to us, in Court, and the Answer made to them.

Also gave an account of the Manner of the Proceedings of that Court, which I then thought to be illegal, and still think to be contrary to both Law and Reason, This Evening a Brig arrived but from where I have not heard, at 10 o'clock the Fair broke up, and the throng dispersed, these Fairs take place every Quarter and hold three Days, thus ends this Day

This Day good Weather, Some Cloudy, Wind to the North a Ship and a Brig arrived, and several Boats hauling up and down the River, --

Silas Briggs

Thomas Hendrick

William Jackson and

Joseph Smith

Went before our agent, to Inform him of the Capture of the Brig, and the Conduct of the Privateers men towards them, while on Board of the the Privateer, Called the North Star, also to Inform him of the Proceedings of the Courts they were carried before, -- In the afternoon went along Side of the Brig but found her Sealed, and saw no one on Board, went also into the top of a high hill on the West Side of the town found on the Summit, a large and Pleasant Green, Planted with Birch trees, and a Pleasure House Standing in the Center, --



1810.

## Remarks in Norway.

This Day Beautiful weather, Wind Northerly, Clear and Warm. The Hing Still Sealed, and Locked, no Communication on board. This Day Capt Briggs advertised in the publick Papers, that if there is any such thing in this Place, as a Council or Agent for America, that he come forward, and make himself known. Employed my leisure moments, in reading, Writing and walking the Streets, in one of which, I met a Carriage, that had timber enough in it to build a Moderate Ship of War. The four wheeled Carriages are similar to ours, for size and shape, only much heavier, and stouter built. The Chaise of this Country are narrow Contracted, and only answer for one to ride in the inside, which in Common is the Wife, while the Husband stands like a Servant, on the Outside, behind the Dear, to Drive the Carriage. Also saw several Objects of Pity, who would have drawn a Penny from me, if my Condition would have Permitted. I consider myself, to be in a worse Situation, than any living in town, and need Charity more, than to bestow it. My mind often crosses the Atlantic ocean and takes a retrospective view of the happy Shores of North America, and those thoughts create an anxious Desire to be with them, and to see my Place of Nativity, once more, But when I shall be so happy I know not.

Life is but a fleeting thing,  
Constant on the swiftest wing.  
Always running down each step,  
Into Death's devouring deep.

I feel confident that, I shall not see my Native Place again, without foregoing, the Dangers of the tempestuous Seas, a Distance of 4500 Miles, on a Direct line between us. when I Contemplate on the Distance between my Parents and Myself and the Situation I am in at present, my Spirits droop within me, for I Consider their Lives to be bound in the very bundle of mine. Thus ends the Day, the week, and the Month, and May we realize the shortness of time, and the Certainty of Death, we are one Day, one Week, and one Month, nigher our end, than we were when they first began, every hour leaves the number less, our lives are but a shadow which appears for a little Season, and then are gone forever.

Wrote a Letter:

To a friend in New York but lost the opportunity of sending it,

I wish them June Saturday 30<sup>th</sup>



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# Remarks in Norway

Southern Norway

July

First of this Day Clear and Pleasant Weather. Latter Part Cloudy and Cool, at 10 O'clock A.M. Silvanus Briggs and Myself, took our land trunks on Board, weighed Anchor, and Sailed, upon a Voyage of Discovery, - we crossed the Bridges, and shaped our Course, to the South with a Fair and gentle Breeze from the N.E. - after passing over various many Mountains, Hills, Rocks, Valleys, Vales, Extensive Meadows, rich Lawns - thick groves of Spruce Wood, and many Delightful Country farms, - At 1 O'clock P.M. Came too, at the upper falls, on the West Side of the river, where there is a Grift Mill, carried by an overshot wheel, with two or three run of Stones, these falls which are the Works of Nature, appear grand and Magnificent at once strikes the attention of the Traveler, - upon a Moderate calculation the perpendicular fall of the Water is at Least 200 feet, over Solid Rocks, making a noise like distant Thunder, and causing a thick Vapour to arise, for a considerable distance round, in the middle of this fall, is an Island of Rocks, on which are several trees, and some Bushes, - the rays of the Sun formed many rainbows of different hues, after we had satisfied our eyes, with seeing, we crossed the river in a small Boat where the Stream run very rapid,  $\frac{1}{4}$  of a Mile above the falls, and shaped our Course for them again, on the East Side of the river, where we found two Sawmills, with each two Gates, - as they they were not at work, a Gentleman had the Goodness, to set them agoing, and to put all the Wheels in Motion, just to gratify our Curiosity, these Mills, are of a different Construction and go much faster and stronger, than ours of America, - after viewing several other Curiosities, and taking some refreshment, we made Sail again, and shaped Large, and extensive fields of Rye, Barley, Peas, Flax, Hemp and Potatoes - the Natural Productions, of this Southern Climate, at 3 O'clock we came too again, at the Lower falls or Cattle,  $\frac{1}{4}$  Mile below the upper ones, here is a Grift Mill, seated upon a high foundation, so appearance, although founded on a Solid Rock, these falls are situated between two very high Mountains, and are none Inferiour, to those already Described, - at half past 3 we made Sail for Strommen, and passed several Delightful Walks, adorned with two rows of Poplars, on each Side of the way, also saw several very fine and beautiful Gardens, ornamented with various figures, of the human form, and blooming with all the Delights of Summer on the top of a high hill. we lay by again, to take a view of the extensive Country, And it is enough to fill a Contemplative mind, with exalted ideas, of the Almighty Creator, to behold the Mountains, whose heads rear above the Clouds, and covered with Snow like to a white Garment, - and how stuped must that Mortal be, who does not Fear, Love and adore, that being, who brought these, and all things else into being, At 6 we arrived at our port, from whence we sailed, - after travelling perhaps 20 Miles over hills, through Valleys, barren Plains, Swamps, Woods, and Delightful Walks, - The Sabbath Day looking likely to rain



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## Dronthem in Norway Remarks

Dronthem in Norway Monday July 2<sup>nd</sup>

This Day Cloudy Throughout, with gentle breezes from the West & S.W. evening the Brig Nancy of Boston said to be from Norfolk, loaded with Tobacco arrived, brought the news of the Senator's Court being taken of and a Trade to France and England opened again. Hauled over



BRIG

a little further up the stream to give the Bostonian our birth. In consequence of the advertisement in the paper, a Gentleman appeared and offered his service as Agent in behalf of the United States. Not knowing him Capt Briggs did not employ him, supposed him to be a spy, and the more of those of that character they find the better, as they may the sooner be convinced that the innocent are proof against detection, while the guilty give them rope enough, would soon hang themselves.

Libas  
Allen  
Thos<sup>d</sup> and  
Wel<sup>son</sup>

Also to Work on board the Brig that sails from Boston tomorrow, so ends this day.

Dronthem in Norway Tuesday July 3<sup>rd</sup>

First of this Day Calm and serene weather, latter part fresh winds at S.W. and cool weather, in the forenoon, employed about home, in domestic affairs, washing mending &c. all for the want of a wife. In the evening went out to the Parade where there were five or six Companies, exercising they went through various many maneuvers, with exactness and precision, which our Countrymen, are entire strangers too, the Soldiers are very good looking Men, and dress as follows: a Short Coat of Red Broad Cloth, White Pantaloon and half Boots, high Crowned hats, with a narrow Brim, in which is a White feather tipped with Blue. The Officers were the same Colored Coats and Blue Pantaloon, and were many of exceeding well looking men, went along side the Brig several times in the course of the Day found her as usual Sealed and Locked, and Shipkeepers on Board also went on board the Bostonian Brig to see some of our acquaintances, & of our People to Work on Board said Brig. —

So ends the

BRIG



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Dronthem in Norway Remarks *L*

These 24 Hours pleasant and good Weather, late Winds from the N. W.  
 took from the *Brig* To our lodgings

Spirits  
 Bread  
 Medicine Chest  
 Potatoes  
 Wood and

Some other small articles for domestic use. The Brig still under Seal  
 For my rounds went through the Battery where they were exercising  
 their Guns in which they were expert, the soldiers Dress after the same  
 manner of the Malitia, I observed that each Gun had Nine  
 Mds. which I took to be 12 pounders, It is somewhat difficult  
 to know when to go to Bed, or to arise in the Morning, altho the Sun  
 is hid from our Site about 4 Hours in the Day, yet it is as late at  
 Midnight, as it is at Meridian noon Day, our Practice at present is to turn  
 in between 12 and 2 o'clock, and to turn out from 8 to 9 in the  
 Morning. 4 of our *Men* To Work on Board Brig Nancy  
 of Boston ends this Day

This Day clear and good Weather, Small Winds, at N. N. W.  
 Employed the Day at different amusements at reading Writing  
 and walking about the town, Several Companies of Soldiers marching  
 two and four all over the place, 4 of our Men to Work on board  
 the Bostonian Brig (Zw) Elias  
 Allen

Thomas  
 The Capt of the Privateer had the simplicity to ask me if  
 I would take a trip in the Privateer with him, I then went  
 into the house and put the Question to some of our Black men  
 he also told Mr. Hillar he thought it probable, he might sail  
 in the Brig again, but not under the American flag

We also understood that the Court were to Meet this Day on  
 Business of the *Brig*

At 4 o'clock the Agents Clark came to our Lodgings and said  
 The Brig was *Clear*,

but knew no more about it, like the Messenger that went to, David  
 to great New, when he came before him he said he saw a great Ship  
 and that was all the Information he could give the King  
 at 11 two Gentlemen came in who I take to be Interested in the  
 affair said the Brig was clear, but Damage for Capt Briggs to  
 pay 300 and some other expenses







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## Dorchester Norway

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Dorchester Sunday  
July 8<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Day, very very fine and pleasant Weather, Wind Variable. It is the general of all their Opinions, that the Concerned in the Privateer and the Capture of the Brig, mean to appeal to a Court, and not to stand to the Verdict of Jury, - they must act their own pleasure, and then they will have no cause to grieve. In the afternoon, took a pleasant walk, along the Banks of the River, which runs through the East Part of the Town, to the South or S.E. W. till it comes to the upper part of the Town, when it turns to the West, or W.N.W. till it comes to the West Part of the Town, when it turns again to the South and runs many Courps, till it comes to the Lower falls about 5 English from the Harbour, where it falls into the Bay, - there are several beautiful Country Seats, and pleasant walks on the Banks of this River. It would be difficult for an Enemy to enter this Place as they have an Aqueduct on the West Side which they can fill with water, at their pleasure, which with the river will wholly surround the Town. The Stream runs very rapid and is very excellent both for Washing and Drink. So ends the Day

Dorchester Monday July 9<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Day rather Cool, Strong gales accompanied with rain, I employed at Home in different Amusements, Several Gentlemen in the Course of the Day, but have heard nothing new respecting the Privateer, most likely they are preparing for an appeal. We are Designated by all Clases of People by the epithet of

## Englishmen;

and it is not uncommon for little Children, which we meet in the Streets, to point their finger at us and to hiss out in a broken manner the Word

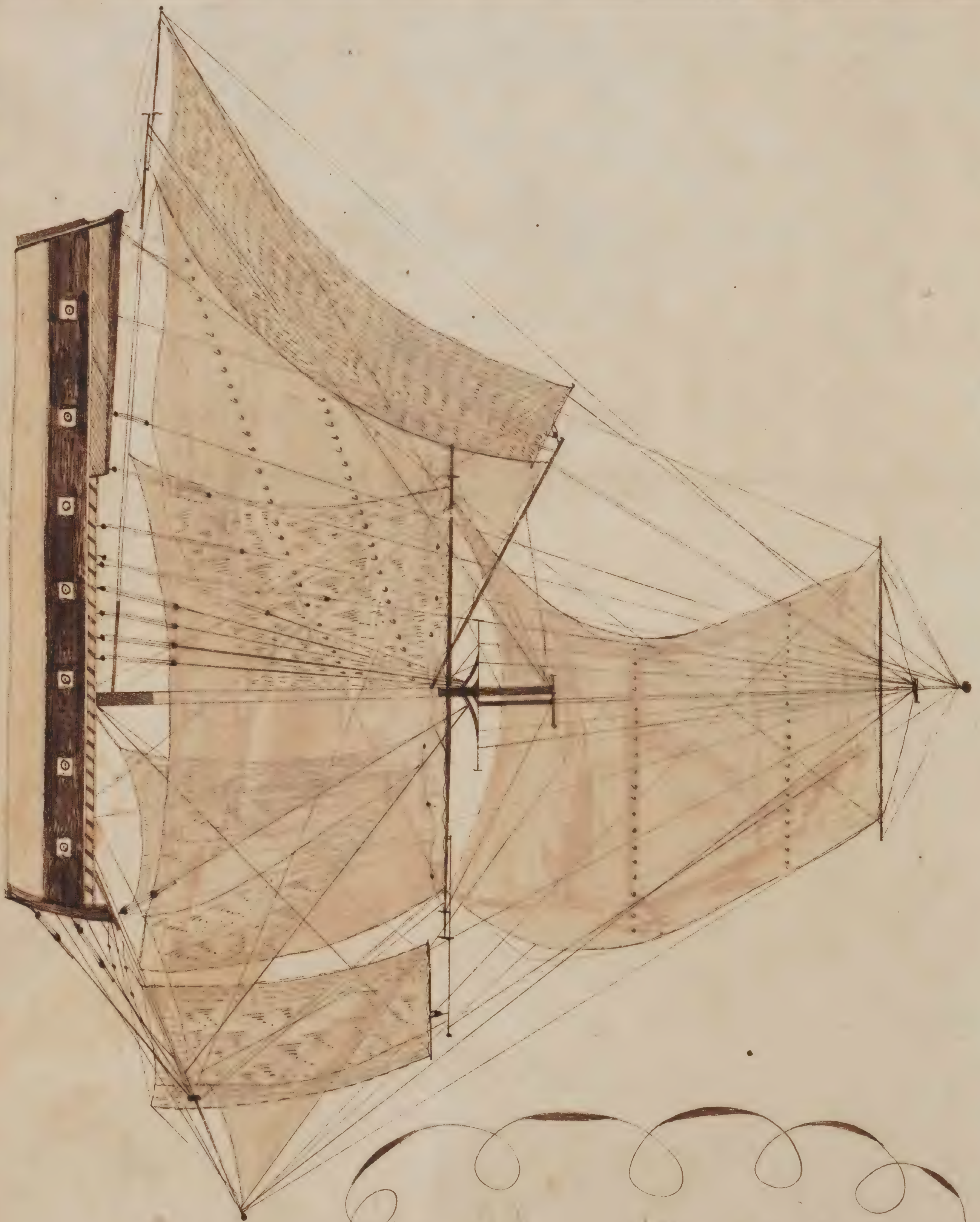
## Englishmen

Which exasperates some of our Sailors to the highest degree. Saw several of the Privateersmen sauntering about the Streets, and they appear no better to me than Wolves in Sheep's Clothing, like Robbers on the high Seas, and Devourers of Widows Hoops &c



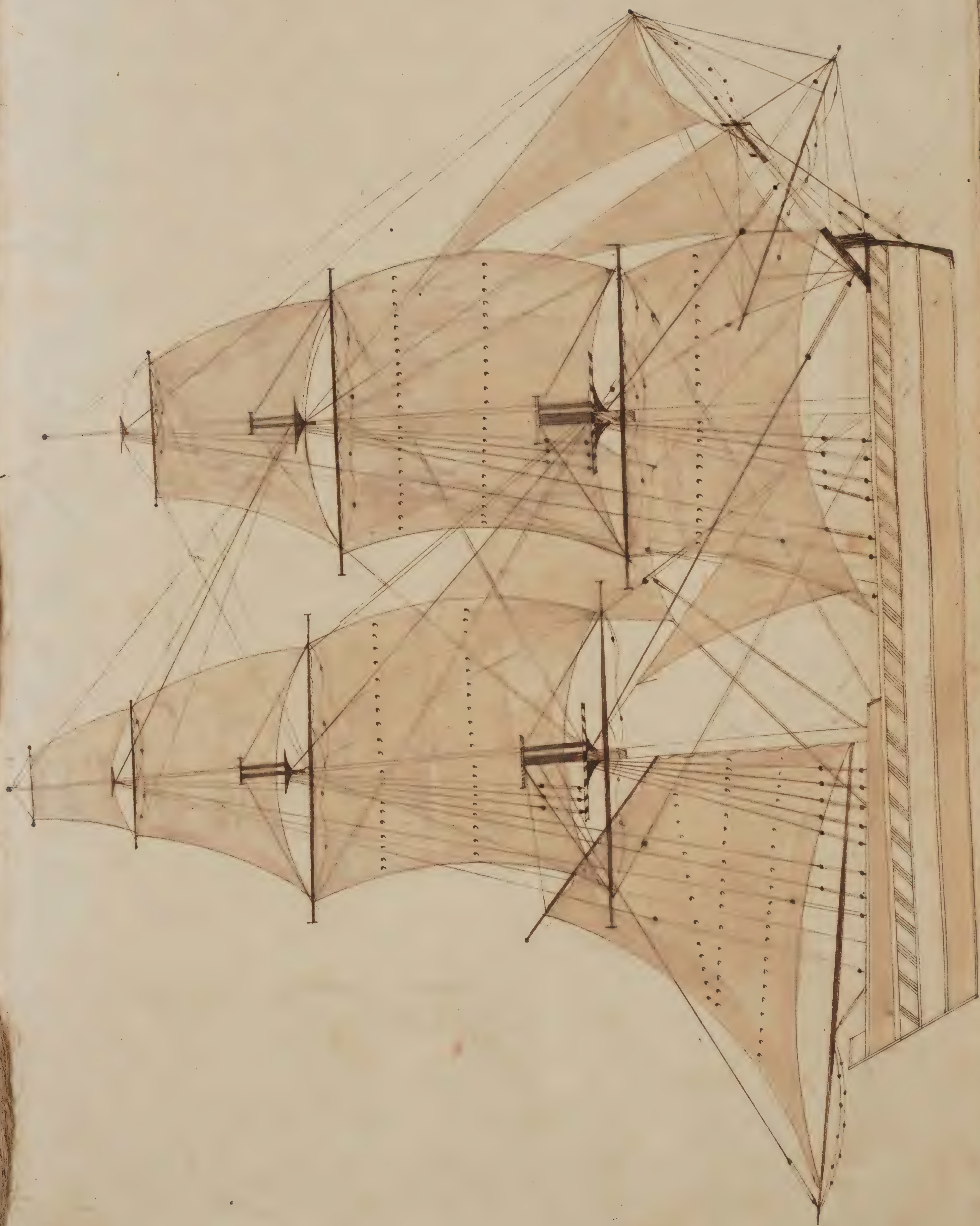
A rude Sketch of the Danish Privateer called the  
*North Star*

that Captured the Brig Nancy on her lawful Voyage  
from New York to Gottenburgh, and sent her into Dronthem.



By J. M. D. D. D.







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# Dronheim Norway

Dronheim Norway Sunday July 10<sup>th</sup>

This Day high Winds and Clouds. Heard this Morning by a Gentleman, what we have dreaded these several Days, an appeal of the Cause of our Brig to Copenhagen, which will make the Detention quite too long. - This Afternoon went out into the Country by the way of the Castle which stands on an eminence on the East Side of the River, and overlooks the whole Town and Harbour. They would not permit us to enter, but said it contained many heavy Guns, the Busside is built of Stone and well cemented together. There were several Barracks contiguous to for the Accommodation of the Soldiers. Still passed out about a Mile further through very pleasant Walks, - found a Snake in the road which we destroyed, it was about 15 Inches in length and looked much like our Adders - It appeared to be very spiteful Venimous and had a short White tail about as big and as long as a Common Needle, when pushed, it would spread its whole Body like to an Arrow of America, and shoot out that Sting towards its adversary. Before we had killed it a Soldier came that way and said they were called Genorums, and gave us to understand that Sting of them was mortal, returned again to Town and at 3 O'clock a Gun Boat was launched in the Kings Navy Yard a few rods to the North of our Dwelling, Went along side the Brig and found her as desolate as ever.... So ends this Day

Dronheim Norway Monday July 11<sup>th</sup>

This Day Beautiful Weather and small Winds from the West, - Last Evening a Mr Somebody told one of our Men that the Brig would certainly be condemned at Copenhagen, and would advise us to make our escape as fast as possible, he further said she was cleared here only to buy up the Sailors Shares in the Prize, he likewise said the Capt would no more go in her, unless he had Guineas enough to purchase her, What can we gather from such Men, Reason tells us they are interested in the Affair and that they are Down with Villains, D

In the afternoon went on to the parade Ground where were many Soldiers, After many manovers they discharged several field pieces, and Marched into Town - Spent good part of the Day in Trading the Chamber, Sent to  
Capt Briggs ~~~~~ \$2  
Mr Willard ~~~~~ 1



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## Dronheim Norway

Dronheim Thursday July 12<sup>th</sup>

This Day Part Clear and Part Cloudy, Some rain in the After Part of the Afternoon, At 9 O'clock A.M. Allen Dexter and Myself, took a Journey into the Barren Wilderness, Traced our course to the South till we came to the Upper Falls on the East Side of the River, took Some refreshments and proceeded on till to the South where the Mountains and Precipices of Rocks hung Directly over head, when on the Summit of the highest Hill, we could see others beyond still higher, after passing 3 Miles above the falls we came to a Bridge, supported by one single arch over which we passed and descended on the West Side till we came to the falls again, there crossed the ferry, and took Some more refreshment at the same House after going through a variety of laughable Scams with the Inhabitants on the road, we arrived in Town about 10 in the Evening, — The Privateer North Star Hauled away from before our Lodgings, and a Cotton took her place, sold a Spanish Dollar for 2½ Danish, and spent 48 Rellings, So ends the Day

Dronheim Friday July 13<sup>th</sup>

Left of this Day Clear, Strong gales at South, Latter Part Cloudy and Calm, went on Board the Nancy for Provisions, brought on Shore

- 1 Barrel of Meat,
- 1 Do Bread,
- 2 Do Potatoes,
- 1 Chest,
- 1 Bed and Bedding,
- 1 Jug of Rum, and

a Quantity of Wood, for the Cook, the Brig under the Customs House Seal, they tell of sending down her Yards fore and aft, — kept House all the after part of the Day with a sick head ache, Copied Some Papers for Capt Briggs,

The principal Commodities of this Country are Stock fish and all the fruit it produces are

Sea Gulls  
Mussels  
Pine Plank and  
Gills

and in them it abounds, at noon stood on the Bridge, which crosses the river at the South end of the Town, it is supported by three arches, and a strong Iron Railing on each Side, In the Middle is a Gate which is shut at 11 O'clock in the Evening, and opened at 4 in the Morning, I made Some observations while standing there, which I will commit to Paper, at Some more favourable season.

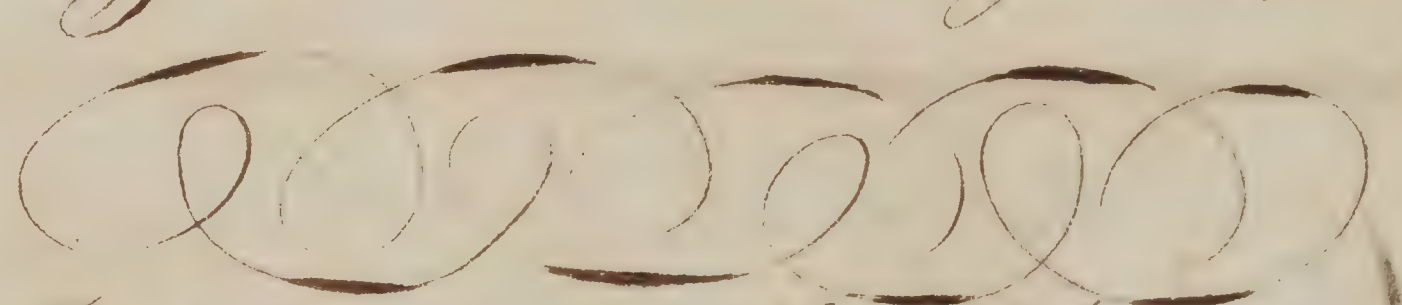


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Dronheim Saturday July 14.

First Part of this Day Clear Weather, latter part attended with gentle Showers of rain, the owner of the House in which we live came to the Capt this Morning, to know who was to pay him the Rent, but knowing not what he wanted, he went to our agent who sent him to the Owner of the Cutter, and <sup>he</sup> promised to see him satisfied. This Day William Jackson Sick with an ague in his face, the Soldiers Marching the Streets after the Sound of the trumpet, Spent the Day mostly at Home, till evening when I took a Walk out, found the Inhabitants sweeping the Streets which they keep very Sweet, neat and Clean, it is a Practice to Sweep them every Saturday Night, I also found the Girls arrayed in their Best, and Bounded out to a Dance, but none of them knew where, this is a note set apart in particular for frolicking. Saw a Schooner under Sail in the Bay, - Returned home again by the way of our

Brig. 

So ends the Day and week, It appears to me like a Dream,

Dronheim Sunday July 15.

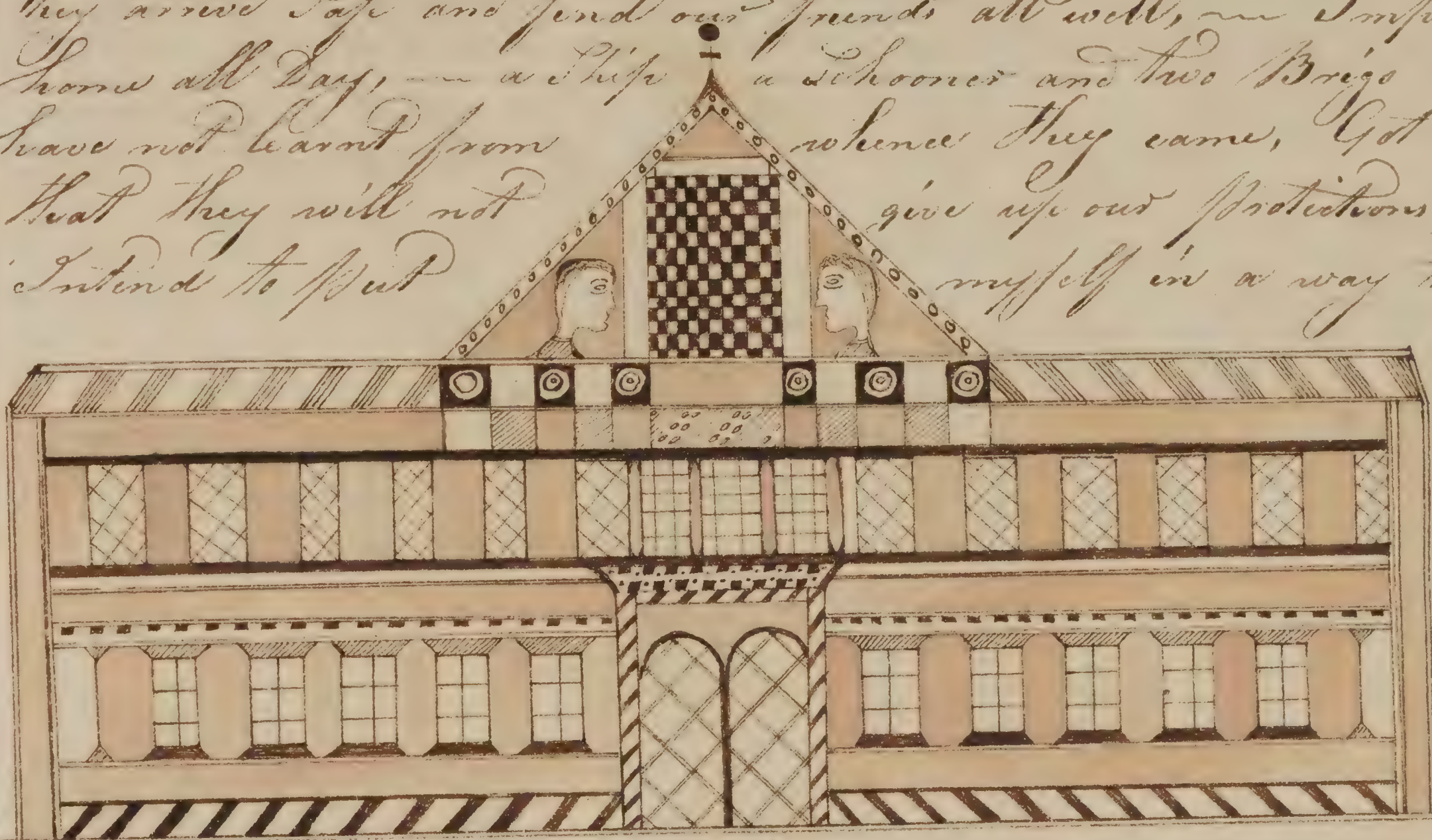
This Day both Clear and Cloudy by turns. Wind at West, Spent the Most of Day at our Habitation, which is a Convenient House, on the East Side of the River, on Back Street. No 157 we have a Privilege of a Square Room, on the ground floor, and the Chamber above it, a small Bed room to Lodge in, a Kitchen for Cooking and a Buttery belonging to it, and make use of the out Houses at our Measure, - This Day Thomas Hendrick one our Black Men asked the Captain for his Discharges, in Order to try for a Passage Home, Capt Briggs told him, he had no Discharges to give him or any one else, I then told <sup>him</sup> if he would not Discharge his men, that he expected to pay them Wages for all this Detention, if the Brig is Cleared. He said certainly so if she was worth it, - Bill Jackson still unwell, What regard they pay to the Sabbath in this Country is a Mystery to me, We can hear the Sound of the Violon in every Direction, and see Soldiers on the Parade, passed the Bridges and took a walk Down to the Brig, met several Carriages, which look the most like the Nantucket Calashes, of any thing I can think of, except a Horse Cart -

thus ends the day,



# Drontheim Norway Remarks

This Day Some Showers of Lane Wind at W. S. W. Wrote two Letters to send to Rochester the one Directed to Cook Brownell and the other to Joseph Davis, May Prosperity attend them that they arrive safe and find our friends all well, — Employed at home all Day, — a Ship a Schooner and two Brigs arrived, but have not learnt from whence they came, Got Information that they will not give up our protections, But I intend to put myself in a way to obtain



them if there is any way to the Land, they have no more route to our protections, than the Devil has to holy water, took a round turn in the evening,

Allen Dexter and  
Silas Briggs

Have understood to learn to Cypher and the art of Navigation — ends the Day. William Jackson Better

This Day Cloudy, Wind W. S. W. Heard they Met Yesterday in Business relating to our Brig, I think the Laws of this Country are good, if well administered, and if Justice takes the Helm in Copenhagen, I have not a Doubt but that our

Vessel

will be acquitted again, the Second time, For they can never make it appear, that she is from England or English Property that Man who says we, or the Brig have any do with the English or England in the Present Voyage, says that which he will never be able to prove, unless I am entirely Ignorant of the Voyage,

Brig

Nancy Still under Seal

Subscribed a Letter for Thomas Mendrick directed to Mr James Foster New York, Spent the Day at Home.



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## Drontheim Norway Remarks

Drontheim Wednesday July 18<sup>th</sup>

This Day Cloudy, Wind at N. W. One of our People this Day asked the Capt of the Privateer for his Protection, he told him he could not have it, because he did not tell the Truth, and that he was going further with him, if he is arraigned at the Bar again I hope he will tell the Truth the whole Truth and Nothing but the Truth, for I am positive there can be nothing so much in our favour as the Naced Truth, Employed in Geometry, In the after part of the Day

Mr Hillar

Myself

Men and

Silas

Went down town, where we all got a very polite Invitation from Annecatreane to attend her Wedding tomorrow at 4 o'clock, fell in with Mr. Cifam, and played a few Games of Cheachars, returned home again, and wrote a Letter to Eliza Dexter. Spent 10 Shillings  
Paid for Paper ~~~~~ 48 Do.

Drontheim Thursday July 19<sup>th</sup>

Cloudy, Variable Winds, at 7 o'clock last evening the Wofman called at our lodgings to renew the Invitation which we had a few moments before received from her who is now his Wife, also had the pleasure to read the Copy of a Letter from our agent to Hathaway and Russell New York, Spent Most of the Day in drawing figures in Geometry, at 4 o'clock 4 of us rigged up in our best attire, which were short Jackets and Trowsers and those none of the best, set forward for the place appointed, on the way fell in with the Narvys Crew, bound on the same Voyage, stood on together till we came to what they call the Marrying House conducted into a room by ourselves, Seated with a Glass of Brandy a plenty of Pipes and Tobacco, at 6 we were called upon to go into the other room where we found many Girls who were well Dressed and looked very pleasing, as we entered the room the Priest made his Obeyance to us all, he was a spare man and was clad in a Black Cloak, he soon began the Marriage Ceremony which was long, and appeared to be solemn, It drew tears from both them, and several of the Spectators, when he had got partly through the Brides-groom took the Brides wife hand into his, and they both Sealed down on a Bench that stood between them and the Priest covered with Blue Luteffing, and the Company which were before Seated all stood up, the priest then lay his right hand on the forehead of the Bridesgroom, and pronounced several words with

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great solemnity, which I could not understand, only the Words Father  
 Son and Holy Ghost, he then lay his hand on the Brides Head and  
 went through the same Ceremony he had before done, which wound  
 up the Ball, they both got up, when the Priest bowed to them  
 and to the Company respectively, and we returned the Compliment.  
 and likewise make our Obsequence to the Bride and Bridesgroom from  
 the first to the Last, then took our Seats again, and were served  
 with a Cup of Coffee, and a plenty of Punch, the Company dispersed  
 to prepare for Dancing, at 7 they began to make the dust fly and  
 stepped out several Reel Jigs and Dead Country Dances that I  
 never before saw danced, at 11 being weary of the pleasure, bore  
 away for my Lodgings, and left the Crew behind. The Wedding was  
 performed in a decent manner, The Bridesgroom was dressed in a  
 long Blue Coat, Ribbed Velvet Small Cloathes, Striped Mercailes Vest  
 Cotton Stockings and Shoes, The Bride had on a White Muslin Gown  
 with a long trail, a Blue Silk ribbon tied round her Waist, her  
 hair was ornamented with many artificial flowers &c and several Chains  
 of Beads hung loosely about her Neck, on the whole they appeared with  
 one thing I notice, that is the Danes were <sup>more</sup> civil and polite, and less  
 for a riot, than we Americans were,

Drontheim Friday  
 July 20<sup>th</sup>

This Day Part Cloudy and Part Clear, Nothing new took place,  
 Employed in Studying

## Logarithms

Went to Work on Board a Ship, this Morning the remainder of  
 our Crew returned from Wedding, In the Evening took a Walk  
 into the Shipyard. &c

So ends this Day

Drontheim Saturday  
 July 21<sup>st</sup>

First Part of this Day Foggy and Cloudy, latter Part Clear  
 and warm, Employed in the Study of

## Logarithms

A Funeral attended quite athwart the way from our  
 Lodgings, A Ship came into the river, said to belong to  
 the Capt of the Privateer, I was to Work on Board the Ship  
 again, took a Walk down to the West part of the town,  
 5 Barges riding at Anchor in the Bay, the Privateer

## North Star

dropt into the Stream in Order to plunder or stop some other  
 American, So ends this Day



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# Drontheim Norway Remarks

Drontheim  
Sunday July 22

Frost of this Day thick and foggy, with some Schattering rain, latter part the Sun appeared at intervals, Spent the Day at home, Quite Unwell, which Brings strong recollections into my <sup>mind</sup> about home, Sickness will carry one a great ways on the wings of Imagination, In health we can make a Shift any how, or any where, --- So ends the Day

Drontheim  
Monday July 23

This Day Showery, Quite unwell, Kept House and My Bed for the more part of the Day, Delivered some letters to go to Rochester, and to New York, This Day the Privateer North Star Sailed, in Order it is said to overhawl the Brig Nancy, when she sails, May she miss her aim and be brought to Justice herself, Four of our Men to Work out,  
So ends the Day  
Down hearted

Drontheim  
Tuesday July 24

This Day attended with Showers of Rain, Lite Winds, Brig Nancy of Boston Sailed, for --- Our Men all to Work out, but Silvanus, took the following articles from the Brig  
2 Barrels of Bread  
Molasses  
Spirits and  
Wood  
for the Cookery, the Capt got a Letter from Gottenburg from one of the Concerned, --- This Day more unwell Still No one to make my Situation known too, Nor any to alleviate my Distress, My Complaints are of a Disagreeable kind  
So ends this Day,

This Day rainy throughout, Our People to Work out all, but one, --- Still remain very unwell, have tried every medicine in my reach, but none avail, and am still growing worse



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Drontheim (Wedday July 26)

This Day Beautiful Weather, the Winds & Still remain very unwell, a little feared and a Painful release. Tired almost every thing the Medicine Chest affords but nothing gives me any relief. - Last evening I saw across the river at a large and Commodious House the faint Glimmer from the light of a Candle which is the first I ever saw in the Country, I have not seen a single Star excepting the Louzy North Star, which Captured us for these two Months, Nor the Moon but once, The Sun has been the only Lamp for both Day and Night since we have been Sojourners in this Gloomy Part of Gods Creation, A Howling wilderness of Broken Rocks. 4 of our People to Work out

Drontheim (Thurs day July 27)

This Day like the Last Day fine and Pleasant Weather, remain quite ill, - the Summons I understand have Arrived from Copenhagen to all Parties Concerned, at 4 OClock this morning Capt Briggs left town for a Country excursion, his Business perhaps best known to himself - A Ship arrived under American Colours

So ends

This Day



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# Trondheim Norway Remarks

Trondheim Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> May

This Day beautiful Weather, Wind Northeasterly, Went out as far as the Bridge for the first time since last Saturday - took a View of the Shipping in the River and riding at an Anchor in the Bay, many of them had the American flag flying to their Mast Heads, which in my opinion had ought to be Hoisted, as it is certainly a Disgrace to the American Government and to each Person Individually. Yesterday a report in circulation that 3 or 4 English frigates are off the Coast, and that they have took one Gun Boat and Destroyed another, and that they have Captured the Privateer North Star Capt Dubois, which is quite too good news to be true. This afternoon my Disorder which had abated a little returned again with the same effects and attended with more pain than before, - our Crew all out very Lashing. So ends this Day of <sup>our</sup> Labour

Trondheim Monday July 30<sup>th</sup>

This Day a Continuation of Good Weather, Wind N. W. Last evening between 9 and 9 o'clock, two of our Negroes, in a fit of Intoxication, (viz. the Cook and Tom,) entered a House where were the Crew of a British Ship Dancing, the Cook to show his Skill in cudgelling knocked Down one of them with a Club, which he carries hung to his Side, and took his Girl from him, this soon created a General Battle, - I heard a noise in the Street, went out to see the Cause of it, found it to be our Negroes and was glad to see them worsted, I soon left them to reap the Reward of their Actions, - This Morning found them to be Beaten and Bruised very much, which I hope will quiet them for a while. William Jackson asked the Capt if he had any Objections to his going in the Ship which he is now to Work on Board of, for to be called a Thief and a Picklock for a man of my Standing is too much to think off. For says he Tom says I have opened his Chest and took 2 Dollars there from, and if he had not have been Beaten last Night I would have given it to him this Morning, the Capt told him if he could better it, to go by all means. But he had No Discharges to give him, This afternoon took a Walk out, found the Vegetabl productions of the Earth to have grown beyond comparison, since I was that way before, which is now 7 Days, Saw several Women mowing and raking hay, which is now about the height of their getting.



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# Norway Drontheim Remarks,

First and last parts of this Day Cloudy, Middle part warm  
heard of an American Ship being Captured by the Danes having  
6 tons of Gold on Board, a rich Ship Prize, and a Great Story  
Yet some of the Danes are simple to tell it for truth. —  
I am still attended with very disagreeable and unwelcome complaints  
The Brig Nancy still under Seal and look like a forsaken  
Widow — — — — — ends this Day.

This Day Clear and Cloudy alternately, Spent some of my time  
Studying the Rules of

## Navigation.

Allen Dexter

Elas Briggs

Silvanus Briggs and

William Jackson gone to Work on Board the Ship

## Remarks,

Engaged with the Capt for 2 Dollars per Day, Thomas to work  
on Board the same Ship still. — — — — — ends the Day

This Day fine Weather, Wind at the North, the Ship which  
Crew are to Work on Board of, is trying to get into Dock, A young  
Gentleman told me last evening if our Ship was not cleared  
he would give me his head for a football, and I note him it  
all over this glorious Town called Drontheim, In the evening  
took a small Walk out just to stir up my faculties after a  
close application to Studies on the necessary Rules of Navigation,  
The Ship's Crew of the Comuloup came to our Cook house to Cook  
their Victuals, It appears a damned oversite in Somebody in bringing  
any more Negroes together, when our own are raising Hell and by  
the ears for the Mast of the Stone, As I passed the Streets this  
Afternoon, I stopped for a few moments to see the Carpenters that  
were to Work on a New house, I soon passed it as my Opinion  
that one Man in America would do more work than 5 of them  
and well they they May for they have 5 times as much for it  
The timber they put into a 40 feet House here would build  
40 Houses there equally as good, — — — — — ends the Day with a  
Great Calm our House — — — — — the Nites grow much Darker —



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# Remarks Drontheim Norway

Drontheim Friday July 3

This Day Clear Weather, fresh winds at N. W. Ship homelys hauled above our Lodgings, the Discharge her Salt, two of our Men to work on board, a report in Circulation this Day that the South Star Privateer Capt. Dubois has taken two Ships and sent them for Christian Sands, spent the Day at Navigation, In the went out of my Confinement to take the fresh air, passed the old Church, and walked the Banks of the River which, lined with Linnen Cloth and Cloaths ready made, to Black or white, went to the Military School, and from thence returned home

Drontheim Saturday August 4

This Day agreeable Weather, one Ship came up, and another coming up, — one of the Gun Boats made a move up the river, Thomas Land with the Wounds he got last Sunday, I. ends the Day

Aug 5th

This Day still pleasant, Passed through town several times

Aug 6th

This Day Strong Gales at S. W. took a short walk into the Country to see the Hay makers making of Hay, our People all on board the Ship comes on to work  
So ends this Day

Aug 7th

First of this Day Clear, latter part Cloudy with some rain I employed at home in Studing Navigation, So ends the Day

Drontheim Monday August 8th

This day a Continuation of Good Weather, Wind at the N. E. In the forepart of the Day went on Board the

## Nancy,

and took the following articles on Shore viz

- 1 Barrel of Beef,
- 1 Do. Bread
- 4 Bottles of Spirits
- A few Candles and a
- Quantity of Wood

Left her Sealed, and Disconsolate, &c In the Afternoon went out to see the Hay makers, the Method of getting Hay and at Home are as Different as the Distance between the two Countries, Employed some of this Day in Navigation  
So ends the Day



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# Remarks Dronheim Norway

Sunday August 9th

This Day Moderate Weather, attended with Rain, kept House all Day long, which has made a long Day Sunday. Time altho in many Situations of Life appears to pass away but slow, yet when we realize the Swiftness of it, it fills with amazement to see how rapid it wings us away, wheather we wish it gone or not it will soon land us in the Land of Forgetfulness and the Place that now knows us will soon know us no more forever. May we realize the Swiftness and uncertainty of Time and be prepared for Eternity. Spent this Day of my Journey in the Study of Mercators Sailing - Just to amuse my mind.

Monday August 10th

This Day the part of which being Middle Part Clear, Latter part attended with rain again, Wind at N.E. Employed in the Study of Navigation. In the Latter part of the afternoon went out of town a mile or two, Saw one field of Rye as well grown as any I ever in any part of the World, and some Trees as small as need to be. The Haymakers Busily Employed all about the Country Hay is an article of which this Country produces an abundance. Saw a small Boy gathering of Strawberries, which is the first Fruit I have seen since I left New York Market which is now better than 4 Months. So ends one More of our Days.

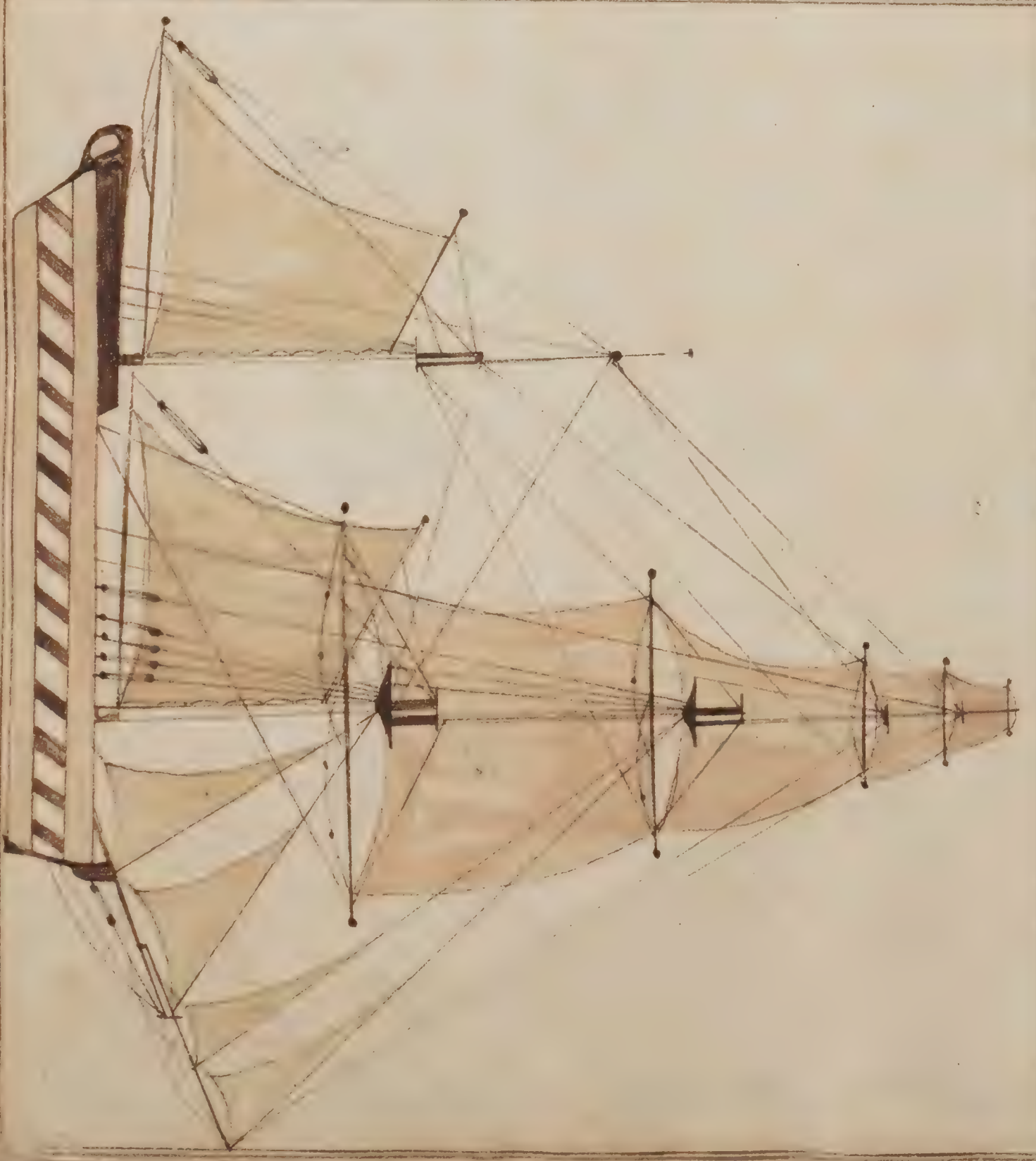
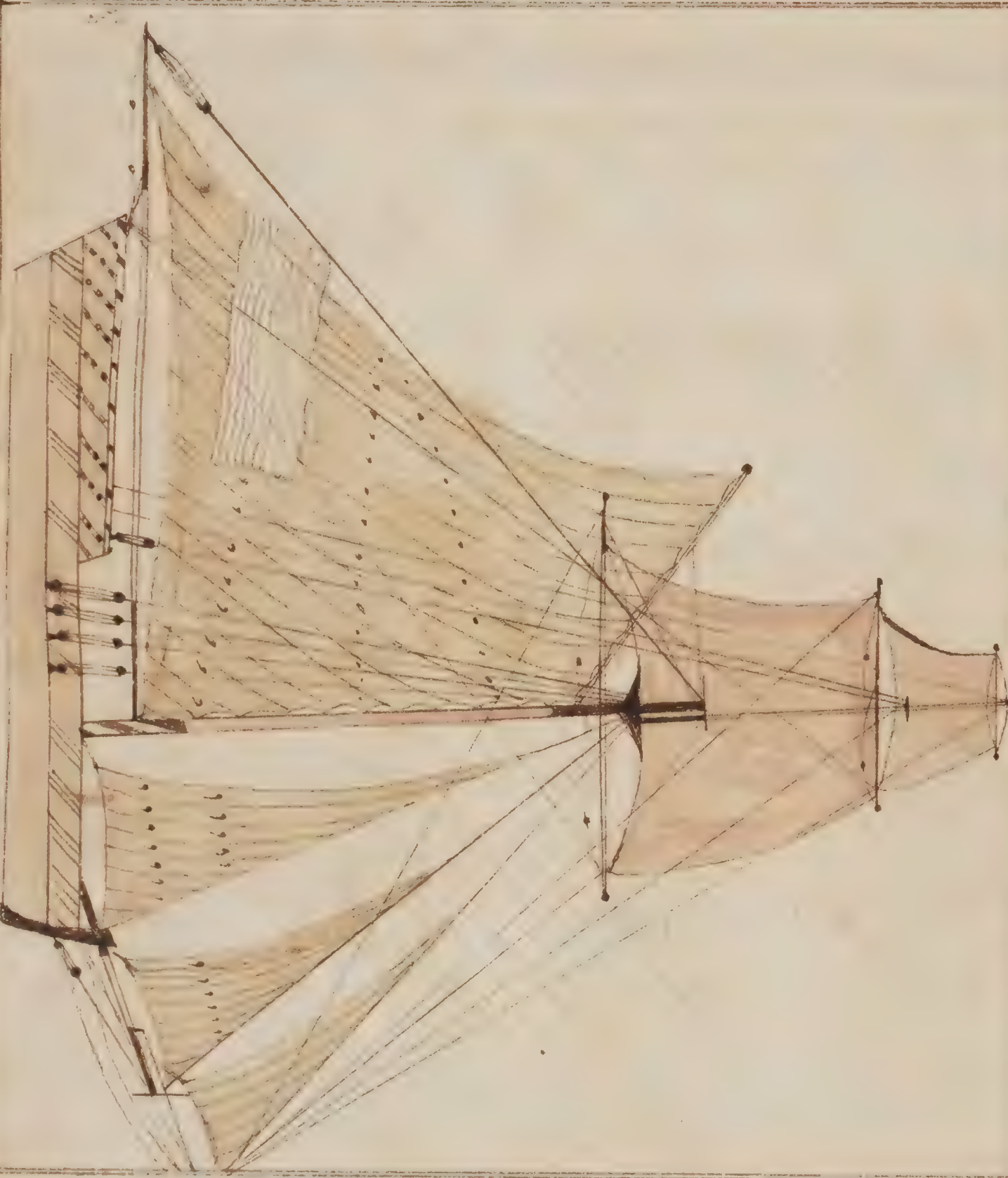
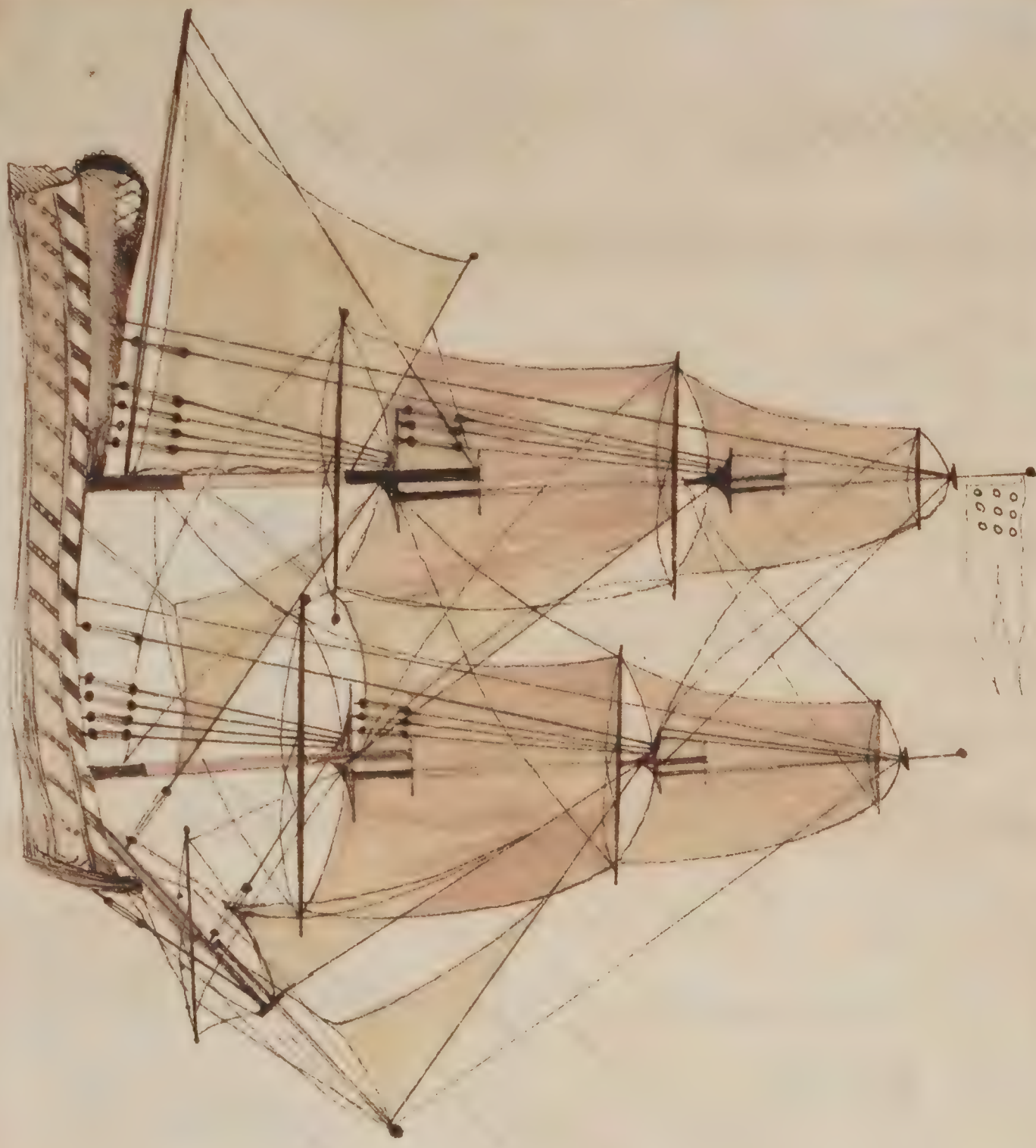
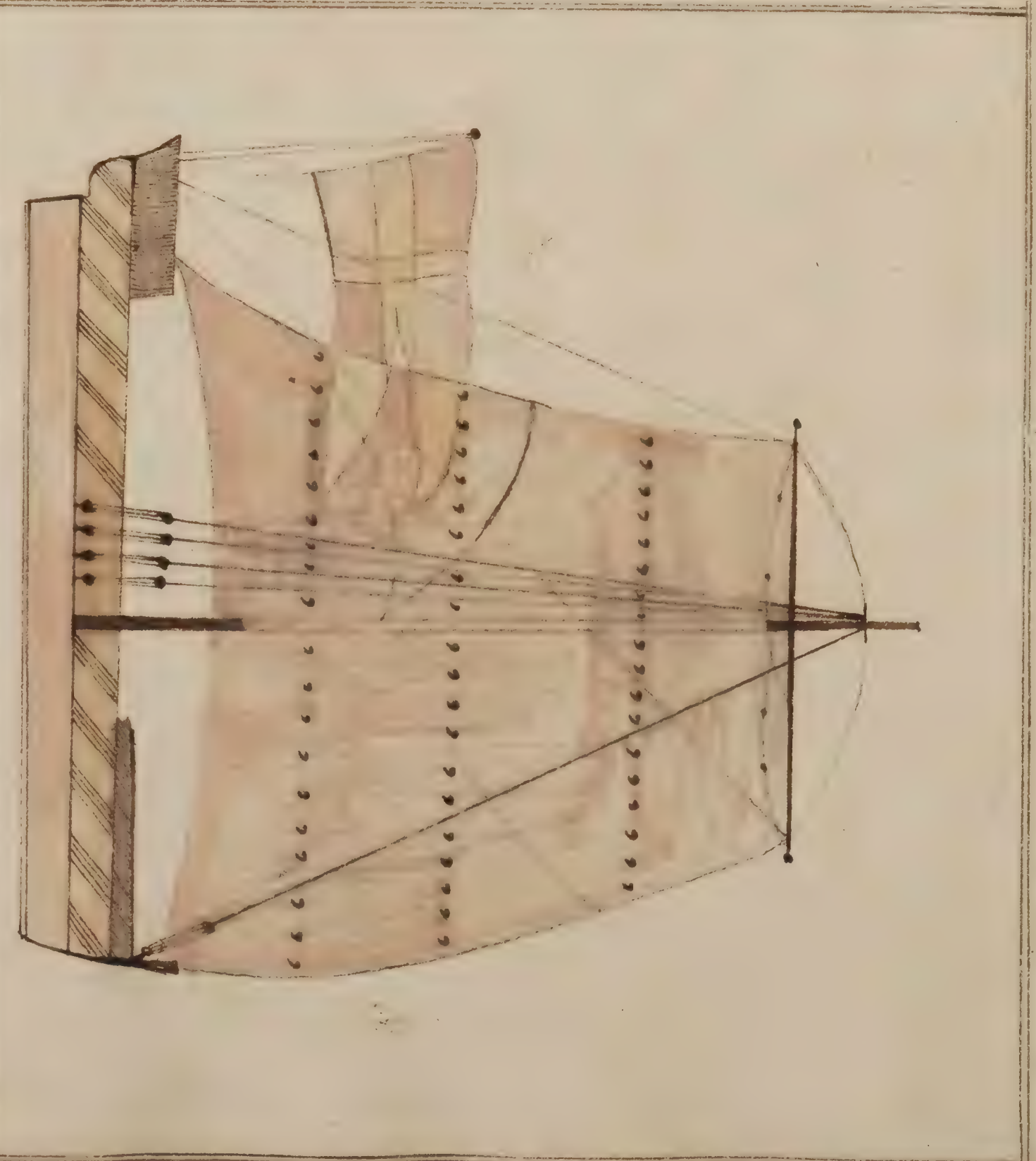
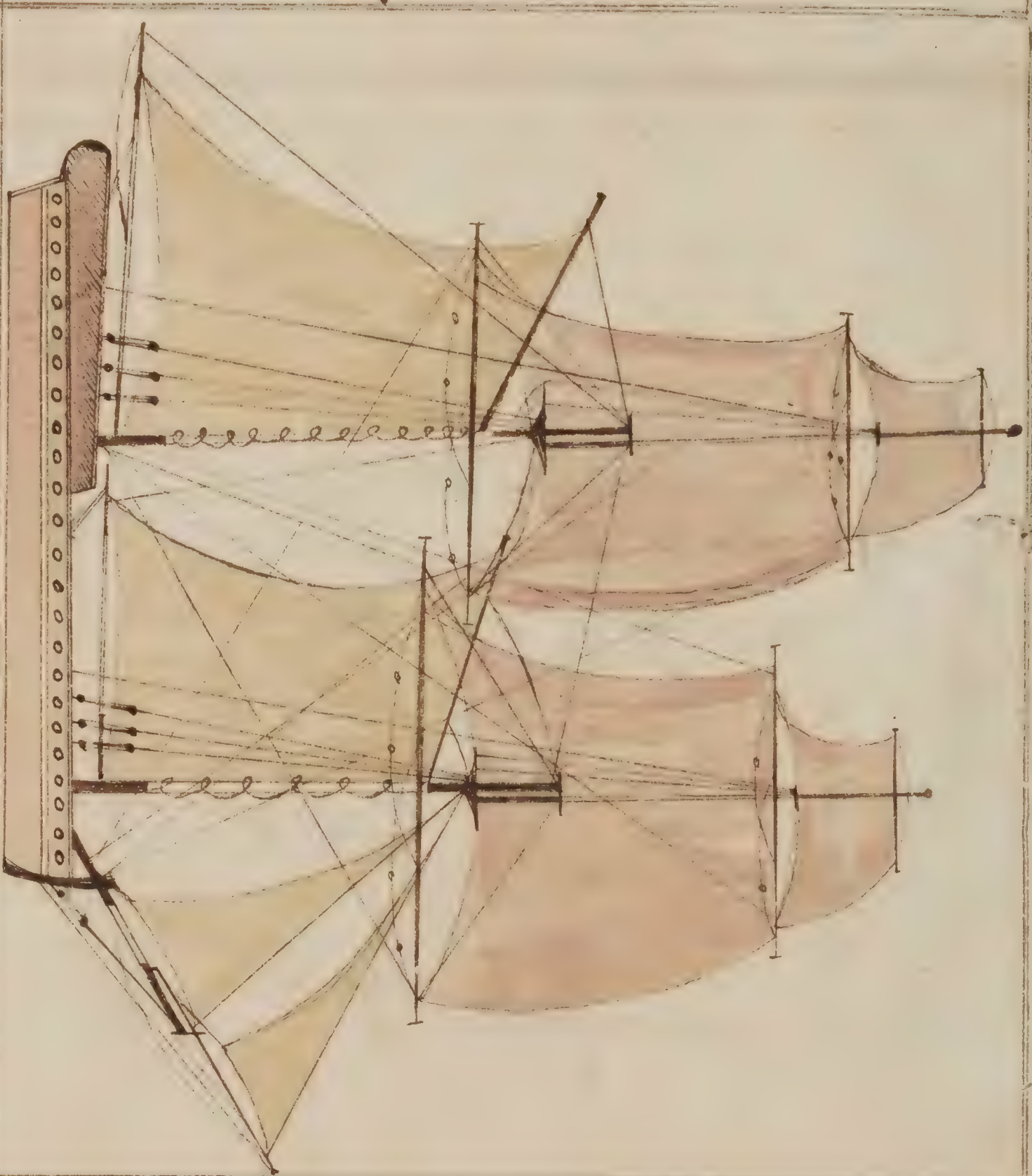
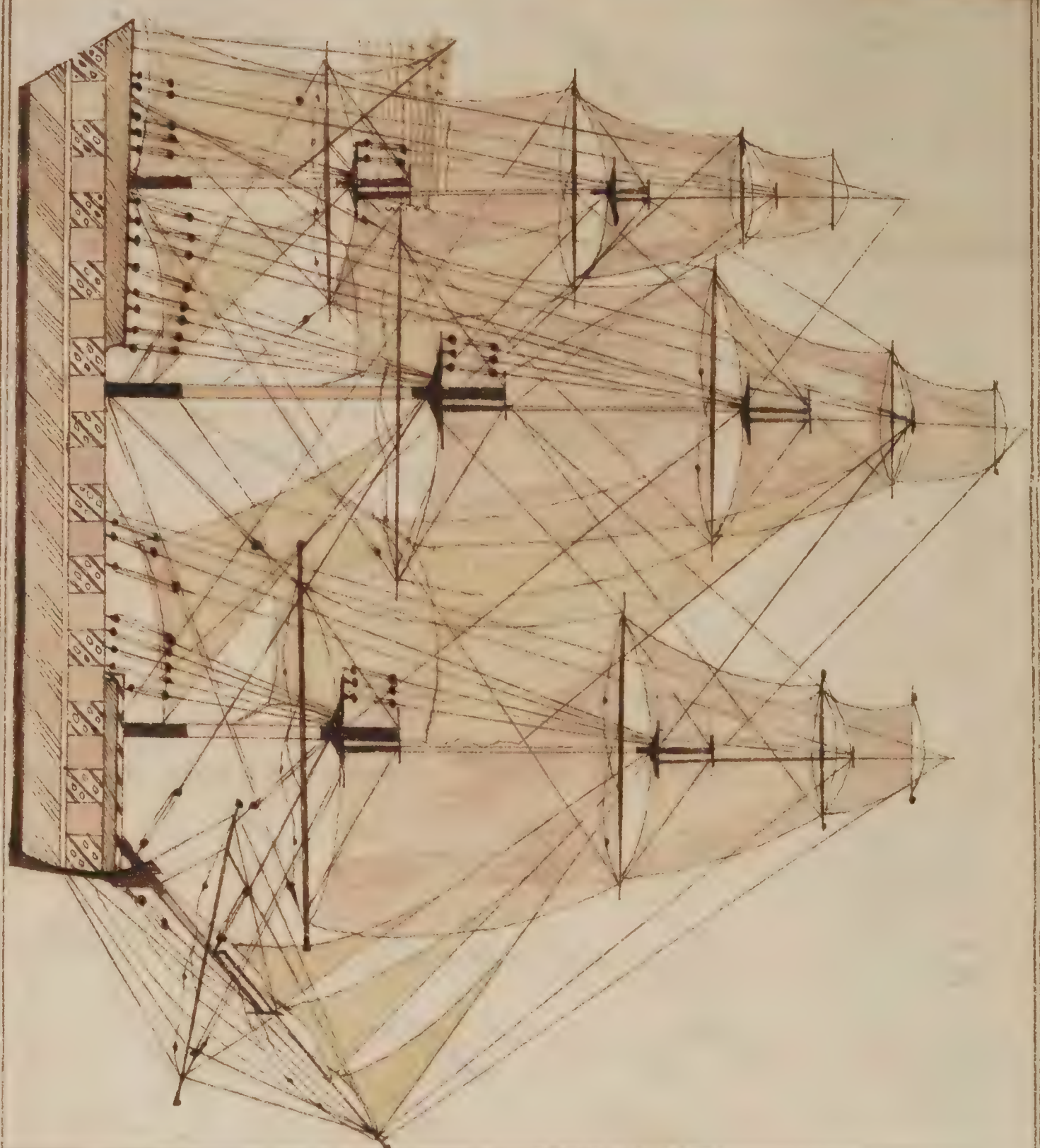
Tuesday 11th

This Day attended with Considerable rain Wind N.E. Walked out but little, By what I can discovered it is the Wish of the to have the Brig Condemned but I wish to be a little more positive, the Proceedings relating to the Business is a dark and sudden Mystery to me, who am kept Ignorant of the whole of the whole affair. Allen Dexter unwell, the others to work on Board Romulus - So ends this Day.

Wednesday August 12th

This Day Showery, Wind at the Northward, Spent the Day at Home, some Company in the afternoon, Employed my mind in useful Study. If applied well, the more Knowledge we obtain the Better if well applied, Allen Dexter quite Sick.







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# Dronheim Remarks Norway

Dronheim  
Monday August 13<sup>th</sup>

First of this Day moderate with gentle Showers of rain, latter part Clear Weather and Warm, Employed in Study.

In the after part of the Day went out of Town, Found a few Strawberries and Huckleberries and but a few Potatoes the Sun.

Dronheim  
Tuesday August 14<sup>th</sup>

First of this Day Clear Weather, latter part Cloudy, Left Nite met with some Difficulty with our Drunken Set of Negroes, it is true they were dealt with according to their behaviour, which has been bad ever since we have been on shore, this afternoon went out to see the Girls Making of Hay, found a few Gooseberries, So ends the Day

Dronheim  
Wednesday August 15<sup>th</sup>

This Day Stormy throughout, - Left Evening took a tower out of town in company with many, but none of them knew where they were going, but said to see a Dradgely, Some took one road and another another, I believe that that was the Dradgely to go Nobody knows where, and to return Nobody knows when - I travelled one Mile and an half with tolerable good Spirits, but it beginning to rain, and by that I could discover we did not near our West. traded Ships and Returned to town, where I arrived at 11 O'clock, this afternoon the English Officer who was brought in here a few Days since called in at our lodgings for a few Moments, Improved the Day in Study

Dronheim August 16<sup>th</sup>  
Thursday August 16<sup>th</sup>

This Day Stormy and Wet, Wind at N.E. Nothing New

This Day a Continuation of Stormy and Wet Weather, Wind at the North, Employed in Writing, After Dinner went out into



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# Drontheim Norway

Drontheim Norway  
Saturday 29th

The first part of this Day Clear and Swall winds at the North  
later part Cloudy and Calm. Capt Scott Sailed at 10 A.M. In  
the fore part of the Day walked out to the east of the Town on  
to a high Summit of rocks, which overlooks the Bay, Saw nothing  
the multitude of rane and the extreme heat which has lately prevailed  
large loddies of Snow on the Neighbouring Mountains in the afternoon  
went out to the west end of the town to see the Water falls and Mill  
Leads

Drontheim Norway  
Sunday 30th

This Day, both Clear, Cloudy, and attended with Showers of rane  
Wind at N.W. In the afternoon went into an ancient Church of long  
standing Situate on the S.E. banks of the River, and for ought I know  
it went by water, for I could no more understand the Lingo of the  
of the Priest than I can understand the Grinding of a Pair of Mill  
Stones, When within I was Surprised to see the folly of Man, the whole  
Building was Divided in small apartments, not bigger than hen  
coops, and Hogstyes, and those hung with Curtains and ornamented with  
various figures of the human form. The Organs were excellent, and that  
all I can say about the meeting. The Minister is a very active man  
and has been here before at Wedding, in the evening happened to  
fall in with a party at a Ball, and found them to act up with  
more Zeal in Dancing, than in Religion at the Church of God

Drontheim Norway  
Monday 31st

This Day Cloudy with some rane Wind at S.E. Broad Vains  
Vains Age of Reapers, for the first time, and pronounce it unworthy  
a Place in my mind, has got his reward. Allen Dexter remains  
very ill. Some little fever has got hold of him, two Ships arrived  
Engaged with the Capt. of the Cornucopia to work on board his Ship  
for 15 Dollars per Week. So ends the Day Stormy Winds and Stormy

Drontheim Norway  
Tuesday 1st

This Day a Continuation of Stormy Weather, and little Winds  
made a new Bargain with the Capt. Williams, to see the whole  
Weight and measure of the Ships Cargo for the trifling Sum  
of 25 Dollars. Worked on board his Ship this Day which  
is the first work I have put my hands to since the 29th  
last Day.

Weighted	200	of Split
	250	of Round

This afternoon Mr The Merchant told me and several  
others that our Brig was Clear, that the news came by Post  
what induced him to tell such a Story I cant say



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# Remarks Drontheim

August 22  
Drontheim Wednesday

This Day both Clear and Cloudy, attended with some Showers of rain, took the account of 300 Round and 100 Split Fish  
a Togue is 36 Pounds, between 30 and 40 Men to work on board the Ship. The report yesterday respecting the  
B R I G  
as of from a Ship's being Cleared, they took on Board the  
Romulous 200 Togs, beside these I took an account of, Fine  
and pleasant weather and but a few Fish beside these

August 23  
Drontheim Thursday

This Day very fine Weather, Wind at S. W. to an account on  
board Ship Romulous of 300 Togs of Round Fish  
200 Do. Split Do.  
100 by another account 800 in all. and  
Our Brig is still under the Custom house Seal and  
look like a WIDOW in her  
WIDOWHOOD.

August 24th  
Drontheim Friday

This Day attended with pleasant and good Weather, took  
the account of 325 Togs of Split Fish for Ship Romulous  
75 took on Board from another account  
A Great number of Men to work on Board said Ship, When  
Dexter remains quite unwell, A very sad affair amongst  
us this Day took place, and

August 25th  
Drontheim Saturday

This Day fine Morning Weather, Small winds at the North and  
Took the account of 150 Togs of Split Fish  
300 Do. of Round Do.  
110 Do. Do. by another account  
For Ship Romulous  
This Day the following men belonging to the North Star, were  
examined before a Magistrate in regard to Capt Dubois, involving  
in the capture of the Brig Nancy,  
the  
Dr. Surge Master  
Quartermaster and  
Timberman  
What Questions were put to them I have not learnt  
Thus ends this Day



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## Drontheim Norway Remarks

Drontheim August Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> 1710

This Day very Fine and agreeable Weather, first Part Calm, latter Part Strong gales at S, W, and hazy. Went out in the Cool of the Day into a very high Mountain not a Part by my self, but found many People of both Sexes on the Summit, gathering as they do Huckleberries for the Market, of which I found a great Plenty. In the Afternoon went to Miss Smiths for the first, but had not the Pleasure to see the admirable Miss Nancy, from thence proceeded to the hospital found it to a large pile of timber hove together in a Regular form, dividing the house into various neat and comfortable apartments and all of them very Clean, again went out on a pleasant walk on the Banks of the elve, found a Collection of young men playing of 9 Pins which they performed in a very awkward Manner & In the Course of the Day passed 2 or 3 Churches and as many again Dances. Houses, found the People much more Delight at the Sound of the fiddle than at the Sound of the Church Organs, — All the trees in Drontheim worth Notice are two or three standing in front of the Comadants Dwelling. When Dantes getting better, So ends the Day

This Day Clouds, had the Sun at Intervals, and Fresh winds at S, W, Employed on Board the Cornucop, See the weight of

300

Nogs

of Salt (1) which were the Whole taken on Board. Had some little Disturbance at the House with Bill, on account of the Captains not paying him his Wages on Saturday night, I my own Part I am quite tired of so much Negro noise as we for the more Part have, I should be glad if they could get their Protections, and go in the Ships. Last evening took a long walk out of town, passed by and Met a great number of People, some going and some returning from the Land as they call the Country, On my way home saw several Stars, which are the first I have seen to Notice since I have been in the Country which is now almost 3 Months. The Nites grow longer and Darker, Candle lites has become quite necessary, the Nites will soon begin to lengthen and the Days to shorten at a rapid rate, Allen remains quite well &



# Drontheim Survey Remarks Back Land

This Day Good Weather, and little Winds, the work on board the Ship took the Account of 100 Pigs of Round Fish

100 B. D. Split B.

Many Soldiers as well as Sailors to Work on Board. - Also went on board the

**Brig**

for stores, took on Shore to our Lodgings the following articles

- 1 Barrel Beef
- 1 Do Bread
- 1 Cask Rum
- 1 Do Molasses

And some small articles besides Wood for the Cook. So ends the Day

Gift of this Day Clear and fine Weather for Drontheim, latter part Cloudy with some rain. Attended to the Weight of 400

**Pigs**

of Split 150 Round  
250 Split

Many Men to work on board said Ship, and some Ladies visitors at several times. Yesterday made a Mistake on Board the Brig in two of a Barrel of Beef we brought on Shore a Barrel of Sea water. When Dinner remains unwell. So ends this Day, Moderate rain, 22

This Day Attended, all the Day long with Moderate rain, Wind at S & E. Employed on board the Ship Cornelius - took the account of 350 Pigs of Fish

150 Round  
200 Split

Much the same Gang to Work on Board as they had Yesterday

**Account of Capt Briggs.**

5 Rice Dollars, and

1 a few Days before

Which added into one sum total, amounts to no less than 6 Dollars.

Lieut John Briggs one Dollar.

Lieut Thomas Hindbuck one Dollar, which if I mistake not makes 2 Dollars, Quite a Commercial People, hard core and hale

Drontheim Survey August 22

Drontheim Survey August 23

Drontheim Survey August 24



# Norway Remarks Drontheim

Drontheim Aug. Friday 31<sup>st</sup> 1810

This day fresh gales, attended with falling Showers of Rain, - Somewhat displeased with the perplexities of Father Job was displeased with when his own flesh wished him to curse God and Die,

To work on board the American Ship Romulus, took the tally of 400

Logs

of Split 300 Round

100 Split

Many men to work on board said

but bring but a little to help, So ends this Day and Month, Showery weather

September 1<sup>st</sup> 1810

This day Cloudy with some rain, Still to Work on board said Ship took the Count of

100

Logs of Split

A large gang to Work on Board, this afternoon saw the first Day ever said in Norway, Recd one Lin Dollar from Thomas,

September 2<sup>nd</sup>

The first of this Day Showers, Middle part Sun Shine, Latter part Cloudy, again, and Calm, In the afternoon went out into the woods if it may be so called, a few bushes, and scattering Brambles, In the run of our Journey we entered a Cavern which is partly formed from Nature and partly from Art, and all within a solid rock which arched above our heads more than 60 English feet, The entrance is wide, but grows narrower till it comes to a Point, In the Middle of which was a small Pond in an oval form, said to be very deep, While speaking we found the to who from several places, Much louder as full as Distich, as it fell from the lips, This Cave which is about 1/4 of an English Mile from town is very large, and makes a grand retreat, for Cattle, Sheep and Goats in Stormy Weather. We ascended the hill under which is the above Described Vault and found a variety of Berries pleasant to the taste, - Wrote a Letter to M. D.

Lent 26 Shillings to Mr. Hollar, which makes 2 Dollars he owes me,

Thus ends the Day, Fishing and Dancing all round is



# Dronheim Norway 137 Back Land L

September 3<sup>rd</sup> 1810

This Day has gone like the rest, the first part of which was Calm and Cloudy latter part Smart Showers of Rain, and fresh Gales at N. W. Attended to the Weight of 350 Vags of Fish for Ship

R. O. M. L. O. W. S.

200 Split  
150 Round

Borrowed of S. Briggs 24 Shillings  
Allen Dexter appears to be getting better, S. ends the Day.

September 4<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Day a Continuation of Stormy Weather, Wind at N. N. W. took the Account of 125

VOES

of Round Fish, also made out 1/2 Days Work at Rigger, in the Light

This Day Concludes 5 Months since Leaving

New York

So ends this Day, Our Nancy still under Hooks and Lead

September 5<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Day still very attended with some Snow, Littering in the N. W. Attended to the Weight of 180 Vags of Split Fish for Ship

Commaless

It is a little singular and something new to me to see the ground Covered with Snow, the first of September. But thus it is

September 6<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Morning the Sun appeared for a short Space, but the Heavens were soon overcast with Clouds, it began to rain at 3 P. M. and still continues to rain hard, and to blow a fresh Wind at N. W. took the Tally of 250 Vags of Fish for Ship

200 Split and

50 Round

Made out 1/3 of a Days Work at Rigger, these hard Snows have quite defrosted the Snow, S. in the Day, blowing a Gale,



Remarks at Drontheim N<sup>o</sup> 137 Backland

September 7<sup>th</sup> 1810

Last evening a small Thunder Storm, and this Day a Continuation of rainy Weather, and Brief Gales from Different quarters, and very Cold weather, took the account of 100 Pogs of Fish for Ship Comulous

50 Selt

50 Round

Made out half a Day at Higgins, R. Deater better, Ends the Day.

September 8<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Day still Stormy, Wind at N. W. took the account of 210 Pogs of Rock Fish for Ship Comulous,

100 Selt

110 Round

Made out half a Day at Higgins, Lived on the Mountains which surround this honourable Place called Drontheim,

September 9<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Day like many of the last past is attended with much rain and Cloudy weather, the Sun at Intervails, Dined on board the Ship Comulous with M<sup>r</sup> Fullum also met with some trouble with our Drunken Bells, towards Night took a Walk into the Country led by Capt<sup>n</sup> Williamson for Work done on board the Comulous 15 His Dollars - Paid J. Briggs 24 Shillings, Ends the Day.

September 10<sup>th</sup> 1810

Frost of this Day Showery, latter part Clear, Wind at the Westward, To Work on Board Ship Comulous, took the account of 200 Pogs of Rockfish,

100 Selt

50 Round

Did no other Work on Board said Ship, this afternoon a Sailor Drowned just after of the Comulous, this evening the Moon appeared for the first time for these several Weeks, Ends the Day



# Dronheim 137 Back Land Norway

September 11<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1810

The first part of this Day Clear, Wind S.W. latter part  
Cloudy with same Wind N.E. took the tally of 150 Fogs of  
Stockfish for Ship Cornulous  
100 Split  
50 bound

(Bridewell) 2<sup>d</sup> Dollars Tax, of M<sup>r</sup> and had the pleasure  
of giving the W<sup>ife</sup> 2 Dollars for the pleasure, to see her Married,  
1/2 Days Work on board Ship Cornulous.

September 12<sup>th</sup> A.D. 1810

This Day both Clear and Cloudy, with some small Showers  
of Rain, last night the Moon appeared in Splendor for several hours  
which gave the prospect a look like Home, To work on board the  
Ship Cornulous, took the Account of 100 Fogs of Split Fish  
Did 1/2 Days Work on board Land  
Ship

Took from the Nancy to our Lodgings

1 Barrel of Pork

1 Do Beef

1 Do Flour

1 Box of Candles and

A small quantity of Wood, to keep

the Fire going, I learnt by the Ship's Crew that W<sup>h</sup> Jackson  
a poor W<sup>h</sup>agabond, last night in a Drunken fit got his eyes bunged  
up. To end this Day fresh gales at S.W.

September 13<sup>th</sup> 1810

First of this Day Clear, latter part Cloudy with some rain  
fresh winds at S.W. to work on board Ship Cornulous - took  
the tally of 100 Fogs of Split Fish & this Day as well  
as all others -

Barrels

S. Mahers

Riggers

Painters

Calkers

Carpenters and

Soldiers to work on board said Ship. Made 3/4 of

a Day at Rigger, Allen Denter quite recovered, To end this Day



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Drontheim June 7<sup>th</sup> 1810

This Day arrived at this Port after being at Sea upwards of 70 Days, after braving many head winds and Storms, we were captured the 29 of May 55 Days after Sailing from N. York, by a Danish Privateer Mounting 11 or 12 small carriage guns, called the North Star, Commanded by Capt. Jacobs, who manned the Xanig with 15 of his crew and ordered her from her true Course to this Place took out myself the first Mate and 4 of the People from the Xanig and put us on Board the Privateer, where we were kept for 24 Days, in which time they overhauled several American Vessels, but let them all pass on their Intended Voyages. Whenever they Spoke a vessel we were laid down in the hold and could learn no Particulars, after we had been on board the Privateer a few hours the Capt offered us 50 Dollars per Month to stay on Board, which offer we both refused, the Capt then said he must be under the Necessity of using us as Prisoners of War, which he was sorry to do, for says he, I must put you in Irons, we told him we were in his hands and at his Disposal, he must do what he thought proper, — & to comply with the Request we should not, to be found fighting against our own nation or any other, whilst we are at Peace, is too much to think of, or too treacherous an action for us to be found in. — He said we must think of it, and waived the Dispute about three Days, after that he being a little on the wrong side of his text, told me to go forward, and tell our men to stand a Watch that Night, it being then about 8 o'clock, I told him I would not, for I have no authority on board this Ship, he lookt at me with an evil eye, but made no reply, — the first Lieutenant went and ordered them on Deck, and began to arrange the matters as he fancied, which our People through fear or Ignorance were about to comply, Mr. Hillar and myself went forward and told them they should not stand a Watch, after several hard words from both Sides, our People went below, and never heard any more about standing a Watch, — Mr. Hillar and myself lived in the Cabin and fared as well as the Capt himself as to Victuals and Drink, but had nothing to sleep on but the soft side of a Pine plank, our living consisted of Barley, Peas Potatoes, Cod fish and Butter of which we had a great plenty, and sometimes Beef which did not relish with us at all, it was much Different to any I had ever before seen, we sometimes had Tea but very seldom, had not been on Board long before we found ourselves surrounded by a Set of Companions of a very disagreeable Nature, the first time I took off my Shirt, which was red flannel found it to be as white as a Barn Door in a frosty morning, after we had been here 5 Days we were conducted on Shore like Prisoners of War, and carried before a Court of examination as they called it, when we had answered the Questions put to us we conducted on board the Privateer again, with a promise to go on Board our Brig tomorrow, the same promise was renewed Daily, I suppose only to disappoint us 10 Days after we were carried on Shore again to the same Court to testify to what we before had told there, saw Capt Briggs and the rest of the Crew for the 1<sup>st</sup> time since separated, we were again guarded on board the Privateer and was told by the Capt we shall no more go on Board our Brig, 2 Days after they took the Brig into Docks, unbent her Sails, Stript her to her lower masts, and Discharged her Cargo, on the 25<sup>th</sup> of June she was tryed and Declared free and but the Captains have appealed the Cause to Copenhagen, which will make the Detention quite so long, at present we all live at a fine House No. 137 Back Land. — July 30<sup>th</sup> 1810

Seth Parlow



